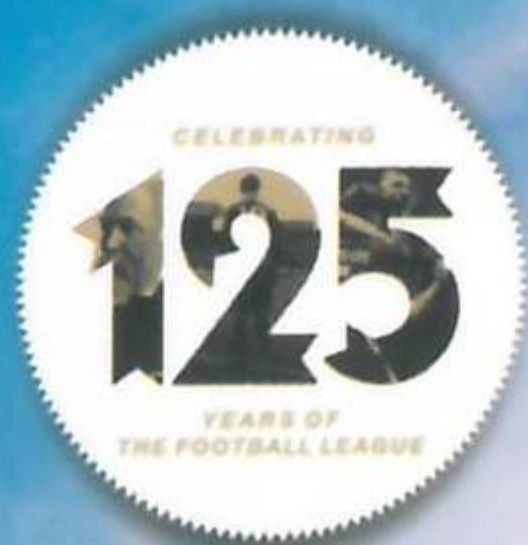




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FROM THE

MANAGER

Welcome back to Ewood Park for today's game against Bolton Wanderers, which is the first of two big local derbies for the club.

We head into today's game full of confidence following last weekend's 5-2 victory over Barnsley.

It was important that we got that first win under our belts and to do it so emphatically, in front of our home fans, was obviously very pleasing.

I thought we started the game well, but then went behind completely against the run of play. The sending off then changes the game and in my eyes it was a clear red card. Jordan (Rhodes) was clean through and with a chance to score his first goal of the season, so he's not going to pass up on an opportunity like that without due cause.

We then had to play against 10 men, which can often be very difficult, because they get men behind the ball, but I thought we were excellent in possession and scored some very good goals.

It was a fantastic free-kick from Tom (Cairney) to get us back on level terms and then two great finishes from Jordan. He's a natural goalscorer and we knew it would only be a matter of time before he found the back of the net. Hopefully that's the start of many.

Josh (King) then got in on the act and he was rightly named man-of-the-match in my opinion, because I thought he was unplayable at times and I was delighted

GARY BOWYER

for Todd (Kane) to get his goal, as well as two great assists.

It's important now that we build on that performance and try to head into the international break on the back of successive home wins, which would make for a healthier points return for what we feel our performances have merited.

A very warm welcome to Dougie Freedman and all players, staff and supporters from Bolton, who have made the short journey down the M61 to Ewood.

The North West is a hot bed for local derbies this season. These games are different to normal league games, because of the atmosphere generated by both sets of supporters.

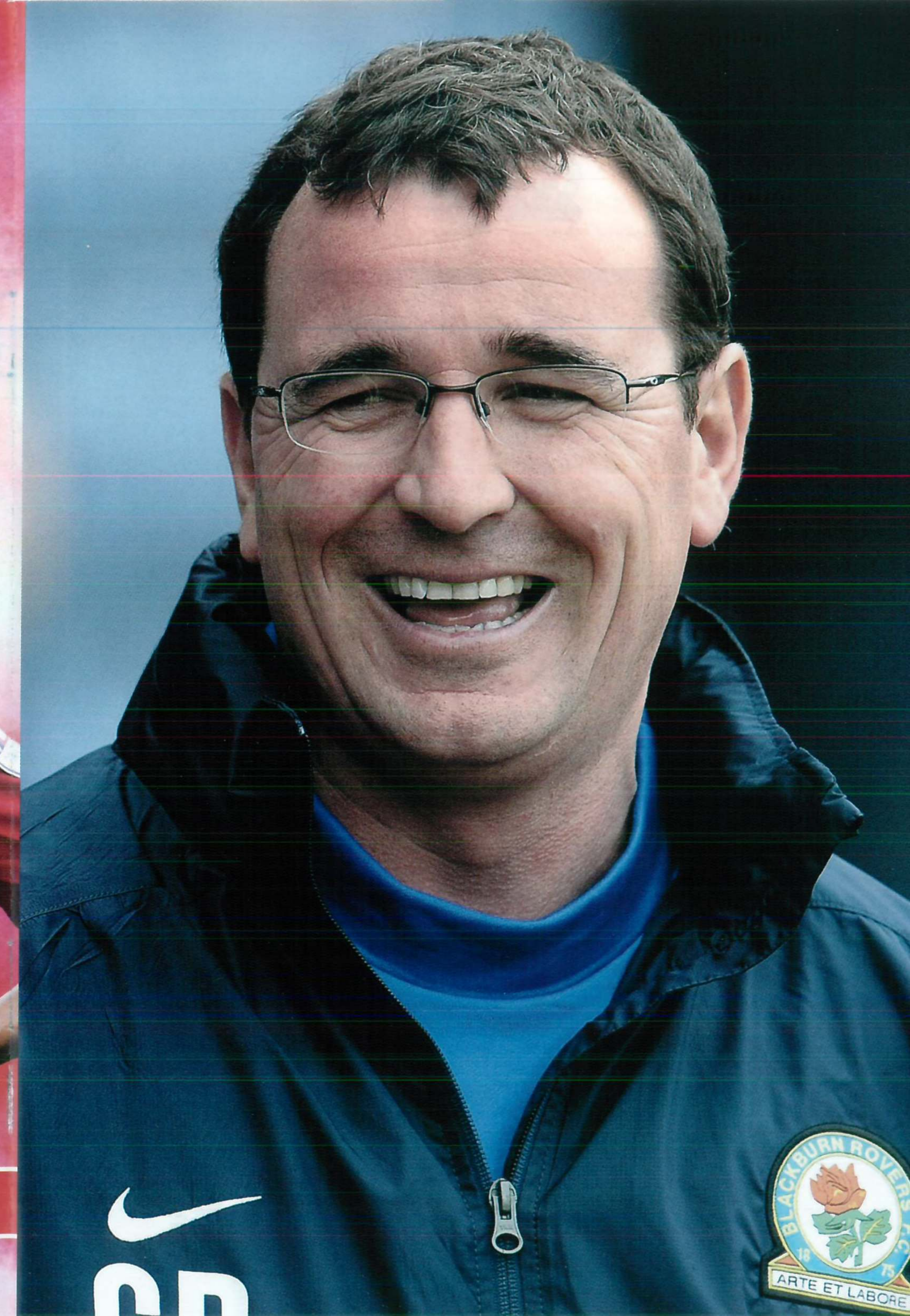
Hopefully the fans can get right behind us, as they did last Saturday, and we can get a repeat performance and the right result.

There's obviously only a few days left until the transfer window shuts and if the right player becomes available we will see what we can do between now and Monday night.

We were delighted to bring Ben Marshall from Leicester into the club this week, as he is a very talented individual, who I expect will have a big future here, but we also bid farewell to a great servant in Morten Gamst Pedersen, who will further his career over in Turkey. We wish him well.

Enjoy the game.







ROVERS 5-2 BARNLSLEY

Jordan Rhodes scored twice as Rovers registered their first win of the season with a thumping 5-2 victory over 10-man Barnsley at Ewood Park.

Against the run of play, Barnsley stunned the hosts in the 13th minute when Chris Dagnall's strike from outside the area found the bottom corner of Jake Kean's goal.

However, just minutes later, Barnsley defender Jean-Yves M'Voto saw red for a clumsy challenge on Rhodes.

Tom Cairney curled home the resulting free-kick, before Rhodes got amongst the goals with a back-post header and a fine lob after latching on to Scott Dann's inch-perfect forward pass.

The final action of the half saw the lively Josh King get in on the act, arriving to score at the back post from Todd Kane's centre.

Kane made it 5-1 shortly before the hour mark with a long-range effort, but Barnsley kept going and netted a consolation through Tomasz Cywka's late strike.



"IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT WE GOT THE FIRST WIN, SO TO DO IT AT HOME IN FRONT OF OUR HOME FANS WAS VERY PLEASING."

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ON THE ROLE OF REPORTER ... TODAY HE GRILLS HEAD OF PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS PAUL FERNIE

Paul: I've worked with some great characters. We obviously had Dioufy and Pascal (Chimbonda) at Doncaster, who everyone here will know quite well. That was an interesting time and it threw up a lot of non-football related questions!

Pudsey: Well he was renowned for things like going into Manchester and getting out of his car and just leaving it where it was, and going into shops and then getting a parking ticket and not caring.

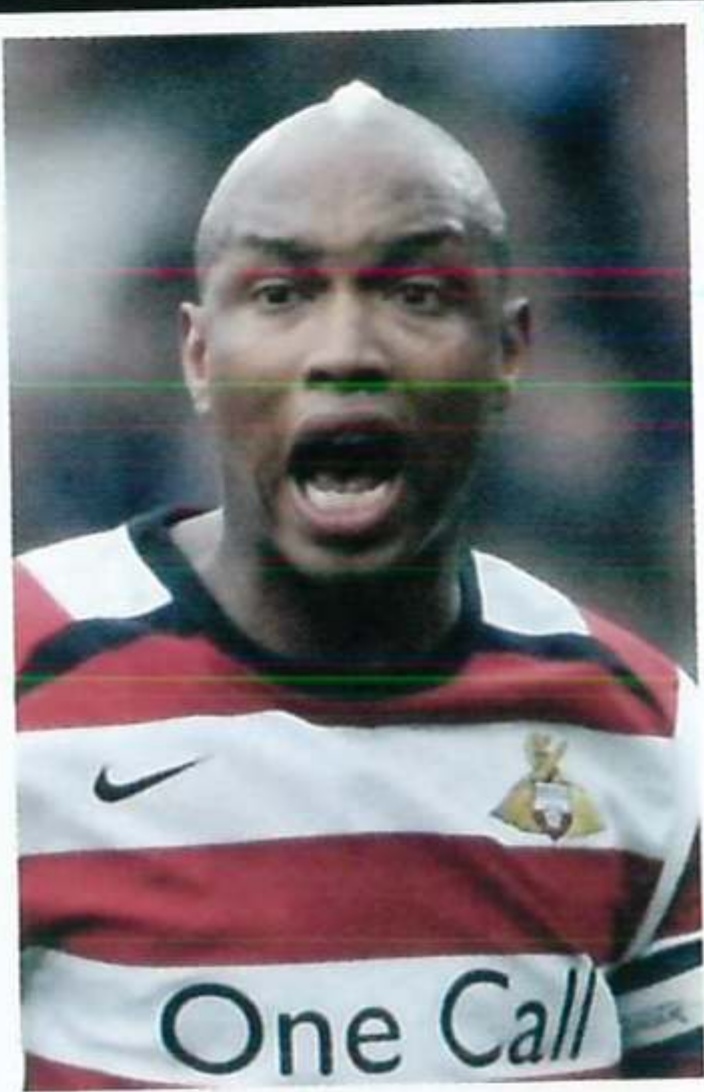
Paul: That's it! And for a club like Doncaster that was strange, because all of a sudden you've got a flamboyant character, who, with all due respect, wasn't always 100% focused on performance from my point of view, but the amount of times on the training pitch people used to stand and clap because what he could produce was unbelievable. It was a case of trying to get the best out of that character - what works best for him.

Pudsey: Any other big names that you have worked with?

Paul: I worked with Dean Saunders for six months. (*Pudsey: What was he like to work with, because the kitman there that I knew, Dave, they just didn't get on did they?*) No, they fell out over various things and Dave, who had been there a long time, ended up walking out after a game at Crystal Palace, left all the kit and got the bus home! But Dean was great to work with and he could still cut it in training. He would ruin goalkeepers on a Friday doing shooting sessions and would do old vs. young and would always give himself Man of the Match! So he had elements of old school rituals, yellow jersey for the worst player, but he also mixed it with the new school, embracing the analysis side as well.

Pudsey: Talking of rituals, what was your song for your initiation?

Paul: I sang Oasis, 'Half the World



ABOVE: EL-HADJI DIOUF

BELOW: PAUL FERNIE

Away'. (*Pudsey: That's the theme tune from The Royle Family*). That's right. I'd never done karaoke in my life, because I find it embarrassing to watch never mind participate, and I had to go last, so it was probably the most nerve-wracking thing I've ever had to do! Corry Evans kicked things off and his speech was impeccable. Tom Cairney gave it a right good go, singing Boys II Men, and Tommy Spurr was very funny. I'm not sure if it was meant to be funny, but he got a few laughs.

Pudsey: Any good stories about Tommy Spurr from your time at Doncaster?

Paul: You could try and find dirt on Tommy Spurr and you would be looking for the rest of your life, because there's none. He won't have a bad word to say about anybody, he doesn't get involved in any dramas, he just comes in with a smile on his face and I think they actually called him Tigger at Doncaster because he bops around all the time. He's just a happy-go-lucky lad who will do anything he can in order to try and be successful.

Pudsey: At Nottingham Forest, was your nickname Badge or something like that?

Paul: My nickname's been Badge since the day I was born! My mum said I was as bald as a badger when I was born. (*Pudsey: But badgers aren't bald?!*) I've questioned it ever since! My brother, who was two, he clicked onto it and called me badger. So since the day I was born, it's a nickname that's just stuck and throughout my life, no-one has actually called me Paul. This is the first place I've come where people have called me Paul and it's taken me a few weeks to register that it's me! My doctor and my dentist call me Paul, and my grandma when she's mad at me, but that's it. Everyone else calls me Badge.

Pudsey: Well a badger cull started this week, so watch out for your safety!



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GET STARTED WITH FOOTBALL

Young football fans out of work have been 'getting started' with a helping hand from Blackburn Rovers Community Trust.

Rovers have once again teamed up with the Prince's Trust for the 'Get Started with Football' scheme, which provides youngsters who are not in education, employment or training, with their first steps onto the coaching ladder.

The week-long course took place in late July, giving young people from the local community the opportunity to achieve an 'Introduction to Football Coaching' certificate and also a qualification in Emergency First Aid.

The group also participated in workshops that help to raise awareness of child protection, sexual health and issues relating to drug and alcohol misuse.

The week ended with the youngsters leading various safe and structured coaching sessions with Year 6 pupils from local primary school Griffin Park.

Participants also took part in a football tournament with the Creative Support football team.

As a result of participation on the week-long training course, some of the young people involved have been signposted to various volunteer coaching opportunities



Youngsters on the 'Get Started with Football' scheme.

within the community, along with some of the young people signing up to the Trust's newly-launched Futsal and Education Scholarship.

Andrew McNally, Prince's Trust project leader, said: "This has been a fantastic course packed with loads of information and qualifications.

"There are lots of opportunities for the young people involved. Using the brand of the club and the expertise that the Trust has for engaging young people, the programme proved a great success with a lot of positive outcomes."



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JORDAN

RHODES

Firstly, how important was it to get that first victory of the season under our belts against Barnsley?

Yes, it was important. It's always nice to win, but every game is a big game in the Championship. You're not expected to win any of them, so getting those first three points of the season will give us a bit of confidence going into today's game against Bolton, which will be another very tough game against very good opposition. We didn't pick up any points against them last year, so we'll be hoping to change that and put things right this year.

The turning point in the game was the red card to Jean-Yves M'voto early on.

Their manager has since come out and said that you 'conned' the referee to get him sent off – what was your take on the incident?

It's a funny one, because I did speak to their manager after the game and I said to him that I've felt a nudge in my back and I've gone down. I did feel that it was a foul. Whether or not the two full-backs were getting round to prevent me from getting a shot off I don't know, but it was certainly a foul. Fortunately enough Tom (Cairney) managed to put in the free-kick, we went on to score four more goals and put in a half decent performance in front of our home crowd and get that first win. Interpretation has led to one thing or another and their manager has come out in the press after the game with some bizarre comments and ones that I think everyone who saw the game at Ewood wouldn't agree with.

As Gary Bowyer pointed out after the



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game, you're an honest lad, who was clean through on goal, so why would you pass up an opportunity like that to score your first goal of the season unless there was any contact?

Absolutely. I made sure I took my touch across the defender, I was in on goal and I did feel a shove in the back and fell down. I felt that prevented me from trying to get a shot away at goal.

How pleasing was it after that to go on and score two goals yourself?

I was delighted to get the two and get the win as well. It means you can have an enjoyable weekend and you get a little bit of confidence from that, but I was just happy we won the game. As I always say, it doesn't matter who gets the goals, as long as we come away with the three points. On a personal note, it was nice to get them, but we move on now to two local derbies in the next two games, which will both be passionate affairs.

As a striker though, how important is it to get off the mark early on in a new season?

Any goal is a good goal in my book. Whether it's your first one or your last one, a two-yard tap in or whatever it might be, any goal is a good goal. I'm not in a position where I'll celebrate the first one more than I'll celebrate the last. I'll just try and keep going and get myself in areas where I think the ball might drop.

So having not scored in pre-season or the first few league games, it wasn't something that was playing on your mind at all?





No. I just try and get myself in the position where I think the ball might drop or where my team-mates can pass me the ball or set up somebody else. As I said before, it's not about who gets the goals, it's a matter of picking up the wins and working as hard as you can. Up until the Everton game in pre-season, we were unbeaten, so everything was going according to plan. I think with a little bit of luck in the first two or three games, we could have picked up a few more points, with maybe a penalty decision here or there, or the roll of the ball, but we got the win last weekend and hopefully we can push on from here.

You've just brought it up there – do you feel as though we could have had a penalty or two, looking at the Derby and Nottingham Forest games in particular?

Yes, I felt so. Certainly in those two games that you've mentioned and there have also been incidents when I've felt Alan Judge and Leon Best have both been tripped in the box. These are the things that we just

ABOVE: JORDAN CELEBRATES HIS SECOND GOAL AGAINST BARNSELEY

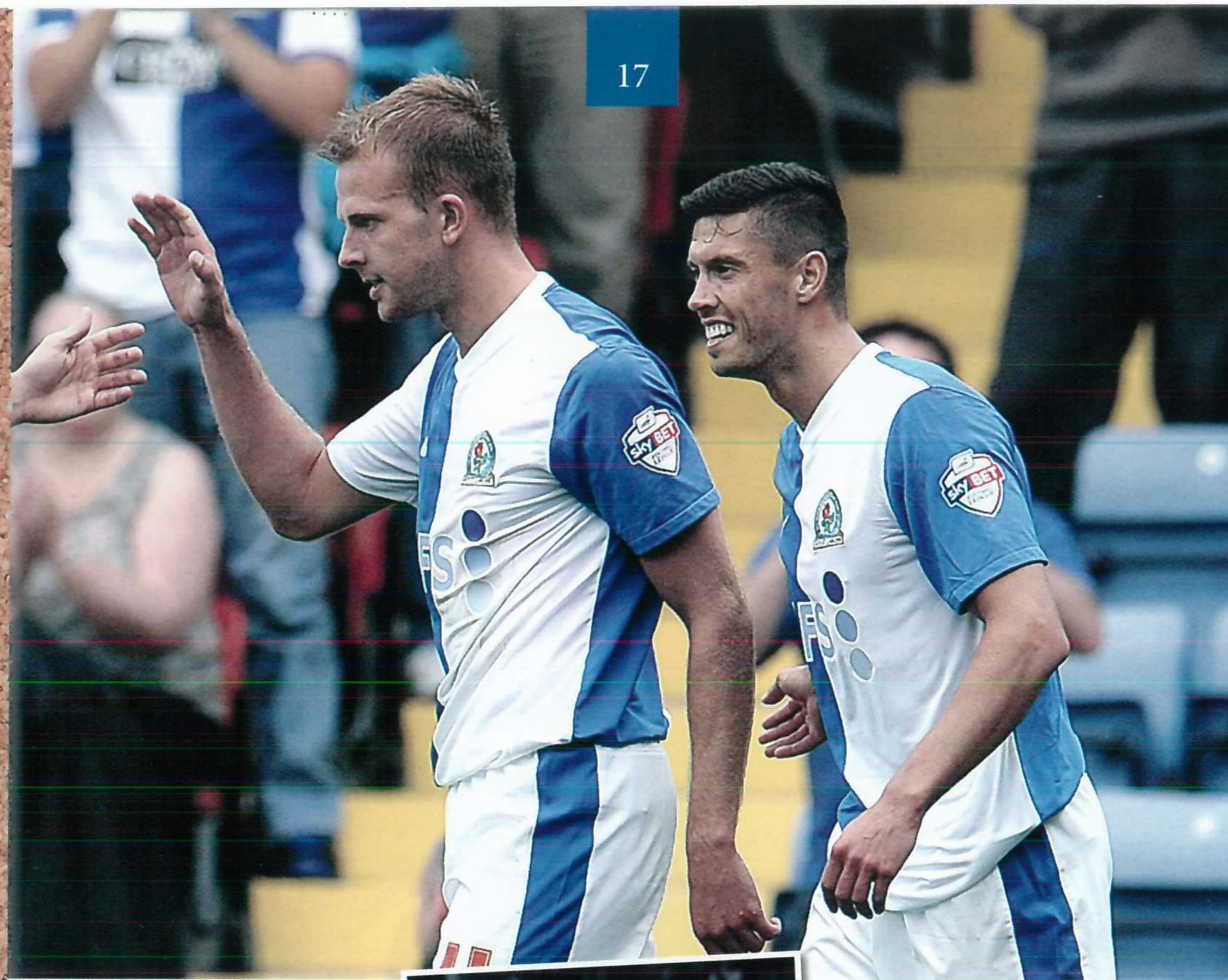
need a little bit of luck on. Last week we did get that. Whether it was a red card or not I don't know, but it certainly changed the game and we capitalised on that and managed to get the win.

The manager has said on several occasions that we are new team with a lot of new players and will take time for everyone to gel and play the way he wants us to play. Would you agree with that?

Yes, it's going to take time. Everyone is trying their best and working as hard as they can. That's all you can ask of any team – that they work as hard as they can.

I THINK IN THIS LEAGUE ESPECIALLY, IF YOU GIVE 110% AND WORK AS HARD AS YOU CAN, YOU WILL GET YOUR REWARDS.

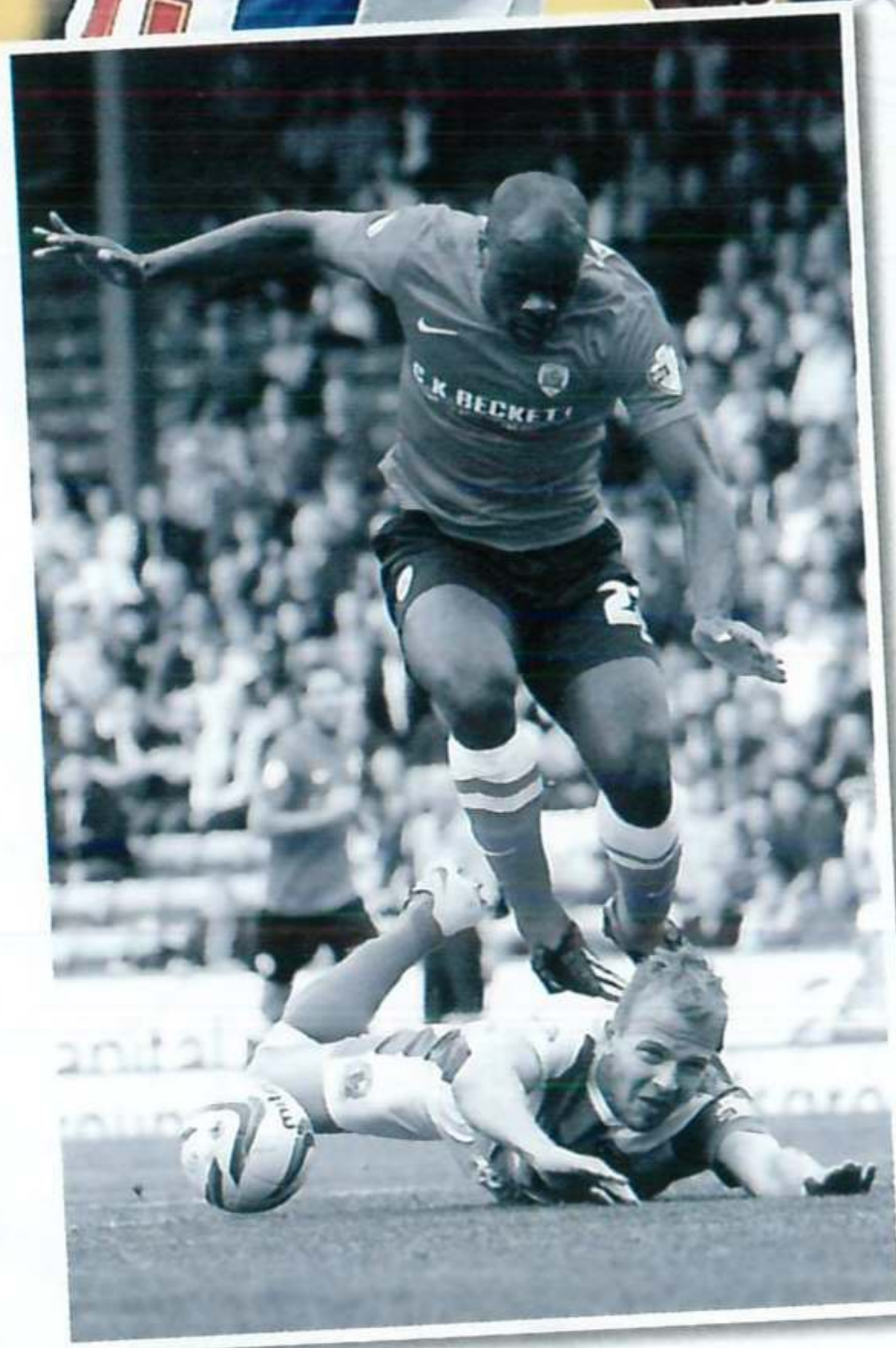
We saw that last season with the teams that went up. I think that's all we can do.



Everyone's together, there's a great team spirit here, so we're just looking forward to the game and it would be nice to pick up a couple of derby wins in the next couple of games.

Burnley away follows today's game, I guess you'll have happy memories of last season's trip to Turf Moor and you'll be looking forward to that game again?

I have fond memories of the game at Burnley last year, so I'm looking forward to it this year. Obviously it was disappointing in the last few minutes to give the goal away, but we'll try and eradicate that this time round and hopefully go out there and maintain our record that we have over them and pick up some sort of result.



ABOVE: JORDAN IS FELLED BY BARNSELEY'S JEAN-YVES M'VOTO

After having such a successful season in front of goal last season and only narrowly missing out on the Championship's Golden Boot, have you targeted a similar number of goals this year in order to try and clinch that award?

No, not at all. Like I said before, it's not a matter of who scores the goals, it's a matter of picking up the wins and picking up the points. Taking one game at a time and just going on from there. I'll just try and work as hard as I can every time I'm lucky enough to be selected to wear the Blackburn Rovers shirt. The 11 players that take to the pitch just have to give 100% and work together in order to try and get the club

back into the position that it deserves, because the fans, the facilities and everything that we have here, it's a Premier League club.



We've not spoken to you since the England vs. Scotland game – how was getting on for the last 10 minutes or so at Wembley?

It was a fantastic feeling. The fans especially were fantastic – they kind of just took over the place.

HEARING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM HALF WAY THROUGH THE GAME, IT WAS FANTASTIC.

My mum and dad and girlfriend and sister all went down for the game and right throughout the day, all you could see was Scottish fans everywhere, so it was a great occasion. Hopefully in the future, whether I'm involved or not, it would be fantastic to see a competitive England vs. Scotland game, either in a World Cup or a qualifier. I can only imagine that the atmosphere would be that next notch up, which would be great.

Despite the result, can you take a lot of confidence from that game and the recent victory over Croatia into this upcoming international break?

Yes, I think so. I think it showed a few people the strength in depth that the team's got and some of the individual players that we have. We have quite a few Premier League players now – the likes of Alan McGregor, James Morrison, Charlie Adams and Darren Fletcher, although he's not quite involved at the moment, but it just shows that we've got a decent team to compete against these nations. Give or take a result or two, we could be heading into these last three games with something to play for and with qualification in mind, but with the luck of the draw and the roll of the ball and penalty decisions etc, it hasn't quite happened, but we should have plenty of confidence to take into the next campaign.



ABOVE: JORDAN IN ACTION FOR SCOTLAND

Finally, going back to today's game, is it just a case of building on all the positives from the Barnsley performance and using that result as a platform to go on a bit of a run now?

We'll just take one game at a time. We'll take plenty of confidence from the last game. I thought we played some decent stuff at times, we knocked the ball about well and created plenty of chances. So with that positivity and directness in mind, it would be nice to get the first goal for the first time this season, because in the first five games we haven't done that. So it would be nice if we can start on the front foot and let the opposition team chase us for a change rather than the other way round and us having to come back in games trying to get something from it.



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Rovers boss Gary Bowyer is convinced new boy Ben Marshall will be a 'fan's favourite' following his switch from Leicester City.

The 22-year-old put pen-to-paper on a four-year deal at Ewood Park earlier this week and Bowyer is delighted with his latest addition.

"It is another good signing for us," said the manager. "Ben fits the model of what we are trying to achieve here. He is a good technician, a good age and has his best football ahead of him."

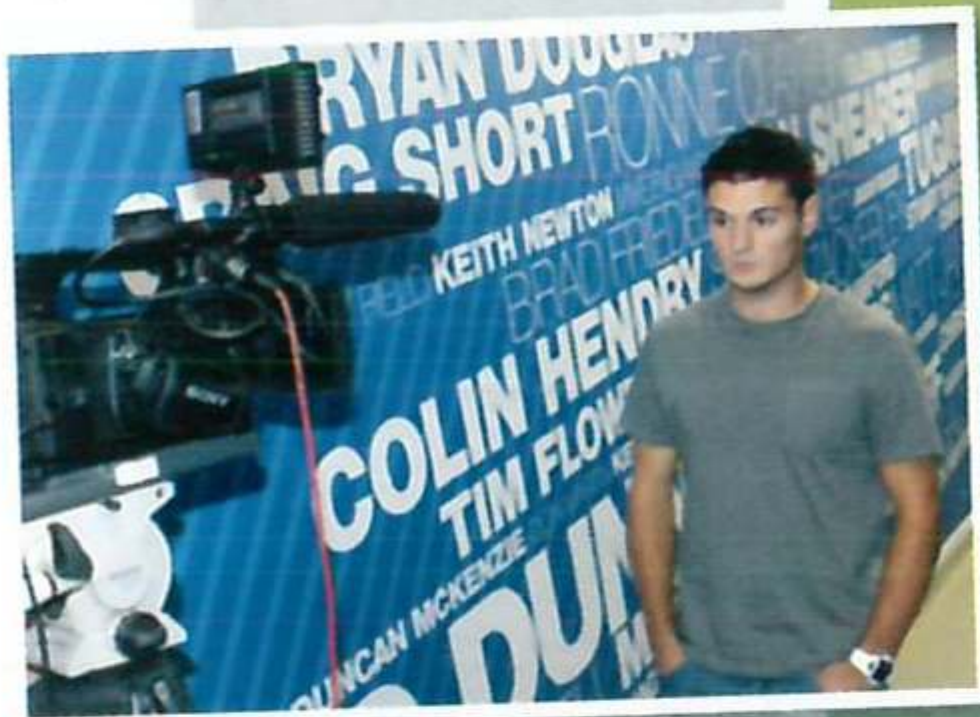
"He can create and score goals and I've been impressed with his desire to join the football club. He shone in the two games against us last year and I'm sure he will be a firm fan's favourite here."

Salford-born, Marshall started out at Manchester United as a schoolboy before moving on to Crewe Alexandra where he worked under Rovers' assistant manager Terry McPhillips and played in the same youth team as Grant Hanley.

At 17, the winger signed for Stoke

"THE MOVE IS SOMETHING THAT I'VE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO SINCE I HEARD IT COULD HAPPEN."

Ben Marshall



City on professional terms, enjoying several loan spells over a two-and-a-half-year period at Northampton Town, Cheltenham Town, Carlisle United and Sheffield Wednesday.

Impressive displays whilst on loan with Sheffield Wednesday prompted Leicester City to make a move for Marshall in January 2012 and he ended the season strongly for the Foxes with four goals in 18 appearances.

The 2012-13 campaign saw Marshall maintain his fine form as a mainstay in Nigel Pearson's side, impressing in Leicester's 3-0 win over Rovers in February, a game in which he set up the first two goals. He also earned international recognition for

EWOOD NEWS



"Personally, I want to be playing every week to get a bit of confidence and get back to where I should be."

"I've played from down in League Two up to the Championship, but I still have a lot to learn - and I'm still waiting for that promotion to the Premier League!"

"The Championship is difficult - anyone can beat anyone on their day. Looking at it from the outside I think we just need a bit of consistency and once that comes we will get into a winning habit."

"You get a sense that the fortunes are turning. We've got a good manager who knows the club very well."

"I spoke to Gally (Paul Gallagher) and he couldn't speak highly enough of the place. And Terry McPhillips was my manager at Crewe, so we go back quite a bit."

"I also know the likes of Grant Hanley, Jason Lowe and Josh King as well, so it is nice to see a few familiar faces."

England's Under-21s.

Leicester would go on to reach the play-offs, as Marshall finished the season with five goals in 43 games.

"The move is something that I've been looking forward to since I heard it could happen," said Marshall. "I'm really excited and can't wait to get started."

"I've always known about the club as I've played against them whilst growing up, so I know what a big club it is and what the expectations are."



EWOOD NEWS



EVERYBODY NEEDS GOOD NEIGHBOURS

Three young Rovers fans were treated to a dream day out at the club's Senior Training Centre after their kind natures were recognised by Blackburn with Darwen Council's inaugural Your Call Good Neighbour awards.

The awards, which were backed by Rovers, were launched to search for unsung heroes who make their streets a better place to live.

Joseph Butler, 10, Nathan Banks, 11, and Ronan Chambers, 11, are all shining examples of young people who care about their communities.

The footy-mad trio were nominated by their neighbours after clearing snow off elderly resident's driveways, as well as helping with gardening and putting out the bins.

As a prize, Rovers offered a special visit to Brockhall, where the boys were given a behind-the-scenes tour of the training complex, before they got to watch a first team training session, collect autographs and photos from all their favourite players, have lunch in the players' canteen and then sit in on manager Gary Bowyer's weekly pre-match press conference.

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Joseph Butler, Nathan Banks and Ronan Chambers meet their heroes on a special day at Rovers' Senior Training Centre.



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Gary Bowyer hailed Josh King's dazzling display against Barnsley as his 'best ever' in a Rovers shirt.

The Norwegian international tormented the Barnsley defence throughout, capping his man-of-the-match performance with his first goal of the season - slotting home at the back post from Todd Kane's centre.

Speaking after the 5-2 victory, the Rovers boss said: "I thought Josh was electric and positive in everything that he did. I'm sure his goal will give him a massive boost, but some of his wing play at times was unstoppable. Now it is simply a case of him showing that every week.

"Obviously we'll help him, but now he has shown what he is capable of, we need to make sure that we put those demands on him to do that on a regular basis."



Long-serving Rovers midfielder Morten Gamst Pedersen has completed his free transfer move to Kardemir Demir Celik Karabukspor in Turkey.

The 31-year-old Norwegian international joined Rovers from Tromso in August 2004 and blossomed into one of the Premier League's most consistent performers, popping up with some spectacular strikes – including a famous brace in the 2-1 win over Manchester United at Old Trafford in September 2005 – as well as countless assists. The set-piece specialist made 349 appearances for Rovers, scoring 48 goals.

After bidding a fond farewell to players, staff and supporters at Ewood Park, Morten said: "This club has been a part of my life for nine years and I have given everything. There have been some good times and some bad times, but I think the fans and the club will have more good memories of me than bad.

"I want to play football – that is the main reason for me leaving. Of course it has been tough the last couple of years. I've always shown my love for the club and for the fans. I've made friends for life."



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EWOOD NEWS

Non-League Day, the campaign to promote semi-professional and grassroots football, returns for a fourth consecutive season on Saturday September 7th.

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With Rovers not having a game next weekend due to the international break, fans can get their football fix by attending a game at the likes of AFC Darwen, Chorley, Clitheroe, Colne or Ramsbottom United

The newly-launched website (www.nonleagueday.co.uk/map.html) features a wealth of information on this year's campaign, including a handy match finder.

Speaking of this year's event, campaign manager Mike Bayly advised: "Whether you're a Premier League or Championship fan without a game, a League One or League Two supporter who can't make an away trip or just someone who is curious about what their local club has to offer, there is sure to be something to interest everyone."

Many non-league clubs will be holding special events and price incentives on the day, including fundraising for local and national causes.

Matchday steward Brian Cross is taking part in next month's Great North Run to raise money for the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Brian is running the renowned half marathon for the first time in memory of his mum, who passed last August after suffering from the illness.

To support Brian in his fundraising quest, please visit www.justgiving.com/BrianCross181075



Life-long Rovers fan Tom Riley is taking on the Euro City Cycle Challenge to raise money for a particularly worthy cause.

Tom, 29, who will be joined by his aunty Rebecca Mols, is fundraising for PHAB Kids, which funds special residential breaks for disabled children and young people.

The children are encouraged to partake in a full range of adventurous outdoor activities which normally would not be available to them due to their physical and mental restrictions.

Tom's 13-year-old cousin, Elliot, is quadriplegic, with profound and multiple learning difficulties. He is blind and non-verbal and requires 24-hour care. This summer he went on one of the residential breaks to the Lake District and took part in a variety of activities including canoeing, caving, rock climbing and zip wire.

The cycle challenge route runs from London to Brussels via Amsterdam and covers 300 miles over four days (September 4th-7th).

To support Tom in his challenge, please visit his JustGiving page – www.justgiving.com/Thomas-Riley1 – all donations are welcome.



▲ Physio Mark Palmer (above) this week bid a fond farewell after calling time on his three-year spell with the club to return home to New Zealand.

◀ Managing director Derek Shaw made a special pitchside presentation to long-serving Rovers staff Barbara Magee and Jeanette Lund at last weekend's game against Barnsley.





ROVERS

UNDER-21S

Devarn Green scored his second goal in as many league games, but it wasn't enough to prevent a young Rovers Under-21 side from slipping to defeat at Sunderland.

Eric Kinder's squad featured no fewer than seven regulars at Under-18 level and whilst they performed admirably, they went down 3-1 against a much older and stronger Black Cats outfit.

Rovers battled well in the first half against a Sunderland side that created the majority of the chances. Mikael Mandron fired wide after a minute, before Duncan Watmore tested Simon Eastwood in the Rovers goal.

Rovers were dealt a blow shortly before the half-hour mark as Adam Henley was taken off as a precaution after feeling his hamstring tighten up.

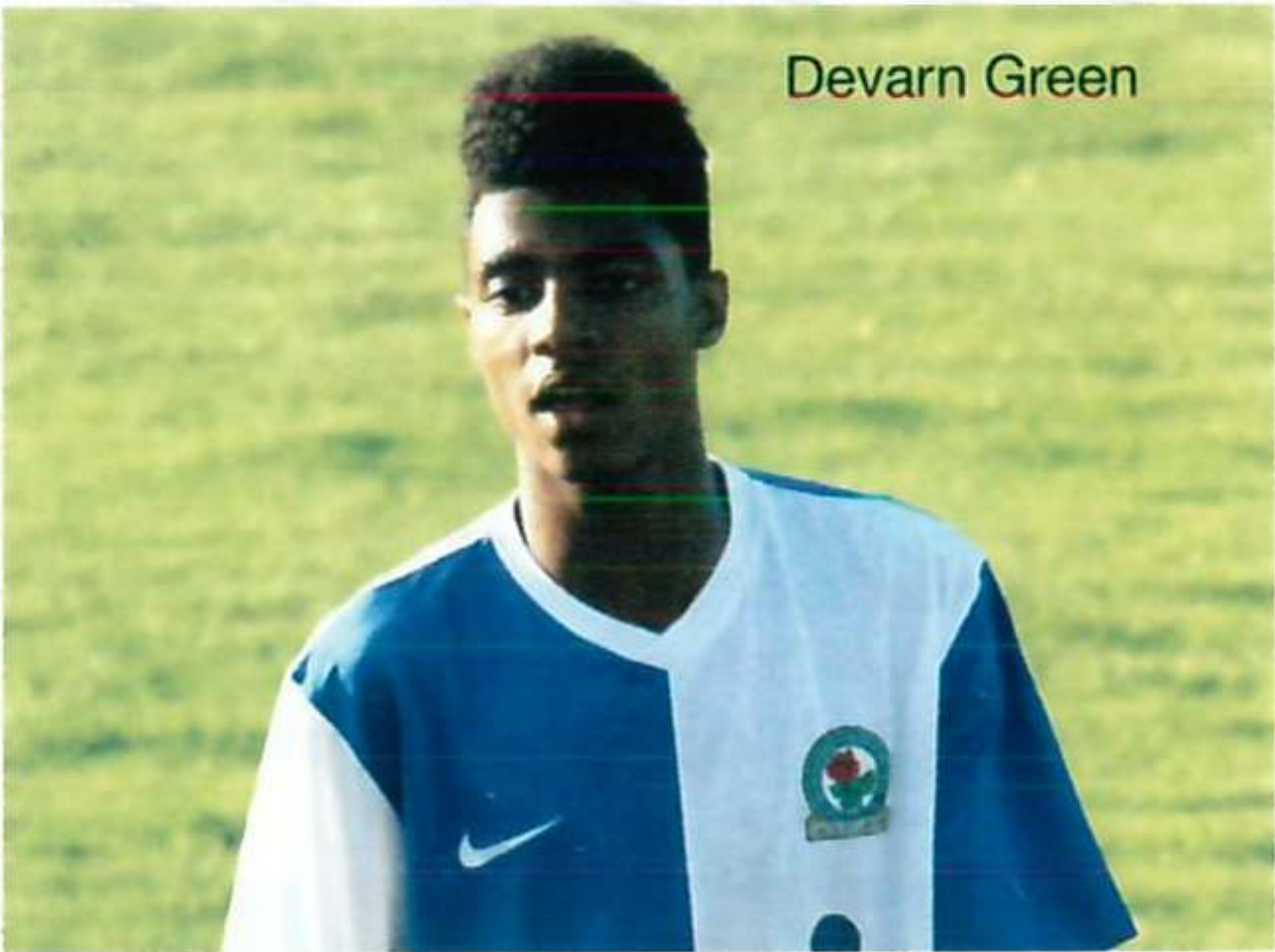
It was goalless at the break, but early in the second half, Alex Gorrin slipped the ball through for Mandron to open the scoring.

The next goal was always going to be crucial and it was Sunderland who claimed it in controversial circumstances. The hosts were awarded a penalty after the ball rolled down the arm of the helpless Anthony O'Connor after the forward kicked it against him and Gorrin made no mistake from the spot,

To their credit, the young Rovers charges didn't let their heads drop and their hard work was rewarded on 65 minutes when Green pounced on a misplaced pass to

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19	READING *	W2-1
26	SUNDERLAND	L1-3
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Devarn Green

race through and coolly slot home his second goal in as many matches for the Under-21s.

However, Sunderland restored their two-goal advantage 15 minutes from time when Eastwood's superb point-blank save went unrewarded, as Adam Mitchell tapped home the rebound.

Speaking after the match, head coach Kinder was proud of the way his side stuck at their task despite the difference in age and experience.

"We were very young and we came up against a Sunderland side who were miles ahead of us. They were a good side, they were older and they were stronger, but I was pleased that we kept going. We didn't throw the towel in. On the balance of play, I've no argument with the result."

ROVERS: Eastwood, Henley (Jorge 27), Doyle (Preston 75), Daly, Tumwa, O'Connor, Bauress, Payne, Green, Wassi (Pero 60), R. Hanley. Subs not used: Raya, Vicars.

*To be played at Ewood Park. Remaining home games played at Leigh Sports Village

CURTIS CELEBRATES SCORING START

Young forward Curtis Haley celebrated joining Bamber Bridge on a month-long loan deal with a debut goal in a 4-0 win over Radcliffe Borough last weekend.

The 18-year-old striker, who has linked up with the Evo-Stik First Division North side until September 28th, then played another 90 minutes as Brig defeated Clitheroe 2-0 on Bank Holiday Monday.

Haley, who has been with the club since the age of eight, has also been given permission to play for Bamber Bridge in this season's FA Cup and FA Trophy competitions.

Also on the scoresheet this week was fellow forward Anton Forrester.

The 19-year-old, who is on loan at League Two Bury until January, opened the scoring against Burton Albion, who came back from two goals down to salvage a dramatic draw.

Forrester scored for the third game in succession when he found the back of the Norwich net in Tuesday's 6-3 Capital One Cup defeat at Carrow Road.

Highly-rated Rovers defender Ryan Edwards has extended his loan spell with Chesterfield for a further two months.

Signed initially on a month-long deal, the 19-year-old centre-back featured in the Spireites' first four fixtures this season, prompting manager Paul Cook to quickly extend his stay at the Proact Stadium until October 26th.

Edwards was an unused substitute as Chesterfield maintained their unbeaten start to the league season with a 2-1 win over Southend.

Fellow defender Jack O'Connell played the full match for Rochdale, who slipped to a 1-0 defeat away to Plymouth Argyle.

Goalkeeper Matty Urwin was on the winning side once more, as Stalybridge Celtic beat Gainsborough Trinity 2-0 last weekend. They were then held to a 2-2 draw at home to Bradford Park Avenue on Bank Holiday Monday.

Edinho didn't feature as Whitehawk claimed their first Conference South win with a 6-2 triumph over Dorchester Town last Saturday, but they couldn't follow that up, as they lost 1-0 to Dover Athletic two days later.



CURTIS HALEY



ROVERS

ACADEMY

Jordan Preston and Dean Rittenberg have enjoyed a rich vein of goalscoring form, as Rovers' Under-18s bounced back from an opening day defeat to Norwich with back-to-back wins.

The attacking duo have shared seven goals between them, as David Lowe's side beat Middlesbrough 3-2 and then Bolton 4-0.

Rovers made a bright start to their opening home game of the new campaign, taking the lead after just nine minutes. From a free-kick into the box, Rittenberg got to the ball ahead of the Boro keeper to fire home.

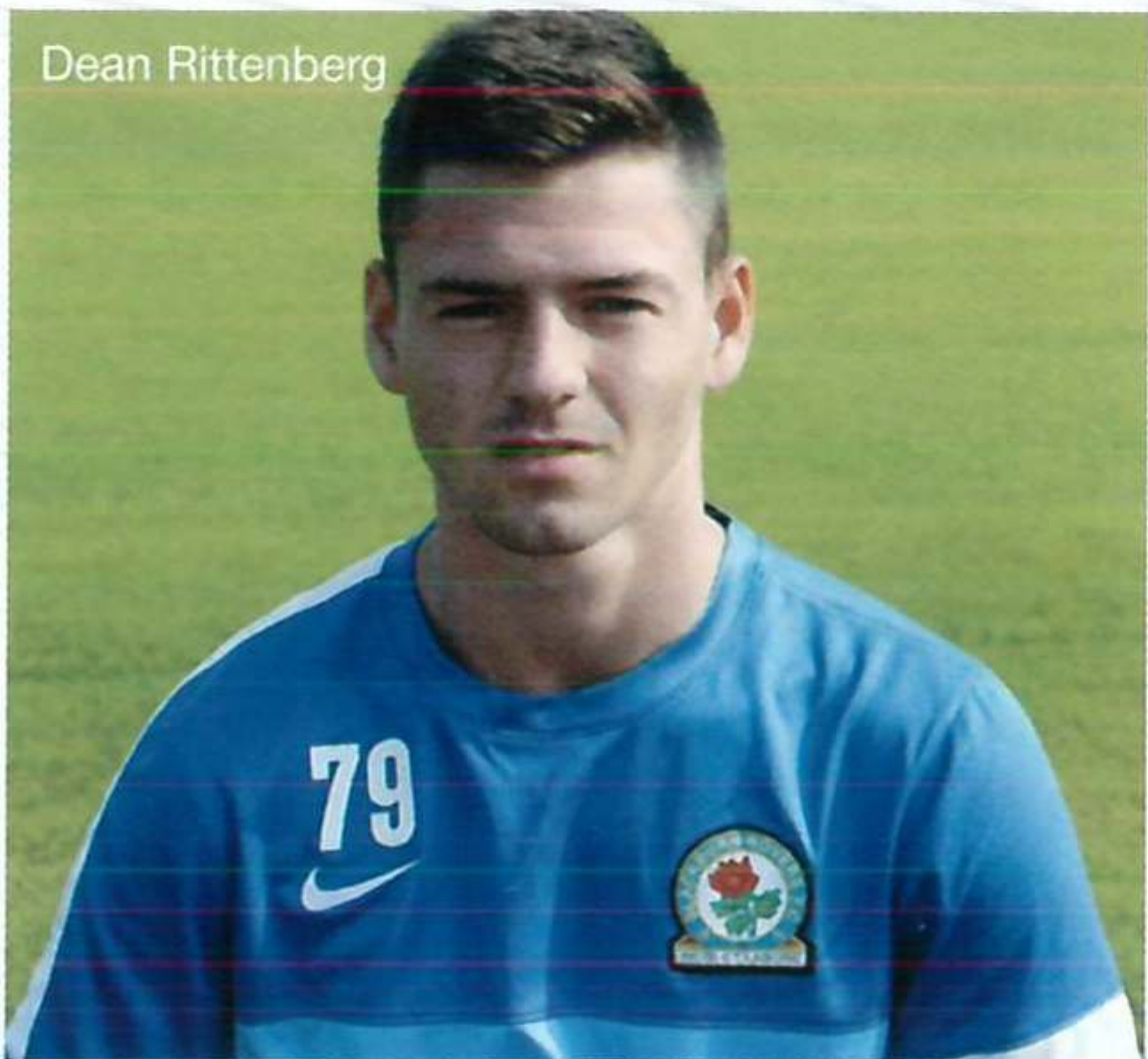
The hosts doubled their advantage on 15 minutes, with Preston grabbing his first goal of the game. The young forward arrived perfectly to head home Jack Doyle's excellent cross from the left.

Middlesbrough reduced the scoreline moments later through Scott McCarthy, but Rovers restored their two-goal lead at the midway point of the half when good combination play between Rittenberg and Preston saw the latter fire home from 20 yards.

There was still time for more first-half drama when Middlesbrough were awarded a penalty following a Will Butterwick foul, but David Raya saved brilliantly from 12 yards.

With Rovers in complete control, Butterwick picked up his second bookable offence of the game on the hour mark,

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24	MIDDLESBROUGH	W 3-2
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Dean Rittenberg

which tipped the balance of play in the visitors' favour.

Despite being a man light, Rovers battled brilliantly. Middlesbrough ensured a frantic finale when Jordan Jowers scored from a corner, but the hosts held on for the three points.

Last Saturday's scorers were on target once again in midweek, as Rovers recorded a second successive league win.

The first half was an even affair, but Rovers were the more clinical of the two teams, opening the scoring on 14 minutes.

Full-back Ian Vicars created the goal, as his charging run and cross was headed into the top corner by Rittenberg from 15 yards.

It was 2-0 to the visitors before the half-hour, as Preston applied the final touch to

a goal-mouth scramble.

The second half saw Rovers control the game, with a third goal added just before the 60-minute mark.

Liam Langford, making his first start of the season, ran almost the full length of the pitch to tee up Preston, who made no mistake for his fourth of the season with a fine first-time effort.

A fourth duly arrived on 15 minutes from time when good combination play between the strikers saw Rittenberg grab his second of the game.

Rovers could have had more, as substitute Luke Wall sent over several threatening crosses in another pleasing performance for the Academy side.

Coach David Lowe said: "The boys are developing all the time in the right direction.

"The two strikers have done very well indeed and the team are looking composed and compact in everything they have done."

Jordan Preston



NAME: MODOU CHAM
AGE: 16 **FROM:** BOLTON

BLACKBURN ROVERS FC BRCKHALL BOY

How long have you been here? It must be six or seven years now. I've been here since I was 10, so quite a long time!

How much do you enjoy it here? This is my home and I enjoy it here a lot.

How would you describe yourself as a player? I'm a goalscorer. I like to use my pace to attack the opposition.

Your aims for this season, personally and collectively? To keep fit and then hopefully do well enough so that I can move up to the Reserves. I'm really looking



forward to the FA Youth Cup this year as I think we've got a good team. Last year we didn't go too far, so hopefully we will do better this time.

Which players do you look up to or model your game on? The player that I model myself on has to be Junior Hoilett. I think I'm like him and I think I play like him by using my pace and trickery to create space to score goals.

Ultimate ambitions within the game? I want to go as far as I can and enjoy my football. Hopefully play for Arsenal one day.

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LADIES

Nichol Forster scored twice as Rovers Ladies shot to the top of the table with a 4-0 win over Bradford City on the opening day of the new Northern Division season.

Playing their first competitive match at their new Darwen home, Rovers produced an impressive second-half performance to get their season up and running in style.

An even first half sprung to life 10 minutes before the break when Forster reacted quickest to Keeleigh Savage's flick, before slotting the ball into the bottom corner.

The introduction of Lagan Makin and Steph Marsh after the restart injected fresh impetus into Rovers' play and the hosts soon doubled their advantage.

Marsh played a free-kick into the box, players from both sides failed to get on the end of it and the ball sailed into the top corner.

Katie Anderton added a third after some neat individual skill, before Forster completed the scoring – firing home the

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Goalscorers Nichol Forster and Katie Anderton

rebound after another Marsh free-kick had hit the bar.

Assistant manager Matt Craddock said: "Overall, it was an excellent way to start the season. Once we matched their work rate, our quality shone through and we scored four very good goals.

"I was also very pleased with the concentration we showed to keep a clean sheet, because they put us under a bit of pressure late on, but our goalkeeper and defenders were determined not to concede."



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HOW MANY GOALS DO YOU THINK YOU CAN SCORE THIS SEASON IF YOU STAY FIT?

I'm not sure. If I stay fit and play well, I reckon I would get a few chances a game and there are 46 games, so I'd like to say over 20.

@CARLY BROWN, DARWEN

HOW HARD WAS IT WHEN YOU GOT INJURED AND WHAT GOT YOU THROUGH THE RECOVERY?

It was very hard, as I'd just signed, I was playing well, I was confident, I had just come out of the Premier League. What got me through it was my family - my son, my missus, my mum, my sister - and friends.

The medical department here obviously played an important part, but that's all work related. With injuries like that I think the main influences are people outside of football. When you can't do anything, you need people around you to make it as easy as possible.

Here (at the training ground), you expect the staff to be top drawer and they are, but the people at home definitely got me through it.

@DANNY EDMONSON, NEWCHURCH

HAVE YOU GOT ANY PERSONAL TARGETS THIS SEASON?

Yes, I have, but they will remain personal.



@JOEL PUNCHARD, HIGHAM
LEON, WHAT WAS GOING THROUGH YOUR HEAD
BEFORE SCORING THE GOAL AGAINST DERBY ?

Tayls (Chris Taylor), get the ball in the bloody box! That's what I was thinking! And he did do, so fair play to him. I was just thinking, we can't let Derby beat us!

So we didn't let them! As soon as the cross came in, I knew what I wanted to do with it. With the height and the way it was coming in, I knew I wouldn't be able to do much with it.

I couldn't head it, so I just thought I'd get my body in a position that I could get a shot on target. I didn't need to get much power on it, because the pace of the ball coming in already had it.

@DES BIRD, DUBLIN, IRELAND
LEON WOULD YOU STILL BE UP FOR PLAYING FOR
IRELAND AGAIN AND GET SOME MORE CAPS FOR
THE COUNTRY?

Maybe, but I think it might take a new manager to come in and change things round. I think people get familiar and comfortable with what they're used to and sometimes that isn't the way to go forward.

@SCOTT MITCHELL, BLACKBURN
WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF THE SITUATION AT YOUR
OLD CLUB COVENTRY CITY?

It's upsetting. Obviously it's a big club, it has been in the Premier League and I thought someone would have bought it out. So it's upsetting when you consider where they were.

@TOM HEWETT, TORQUAY
WHAT'S YOUR PRE-MATCH MEAL?

Spaghetti and scrambled egg with a beetroot shot.

@AIDAN GOUDIE, BRISTOL
WHAT'S THE BEST GOAL YOU'VE EVER SCORED
AND WHO WAS IT AGAINST?

My first for Newcastle when I scored my hat-trick in the 5-0 win at home to West Ham. After everything I'd been through, not being given a chance, knowing that I could do it when I did, for me that's my best goal.



LEON CELEBRATES HIS
GOAL AGAINST DERBY





leon best



LEON'S FAVOURITE GOAL IN THE 5-0 WIN OVER WEST HAM



@RICHARD DOAK, NORTHERN IRELAND
LEON, HOW REALISTIC DO YOU THINK OUR CHANCES ARE OF PROMOTION THIS SEASON?

I think if we get used to what we need to do and everyone understands it. In this league, it's not just about how good your players are, it's knowing what you have to do and I think if we get all that right, then we'll be fine.

This league is very different to the Premier League. Having had last season in the Championship, I think that will level us and level our heads. We can't think that we deserve to go straight back up.

Last season showed that you need to work your socks off in order to go back up. In this league it's a matter of everything - hard work, quality and everyone coming together.

@ALEX PEGLER, CHESHIRE
DO YOU PREFER PLAYING WITH A STRIKING PARTNER OR ON YOUR OWN UPFRONT WITH AN ATTACKING MIDFIELD RUNNING IN BEHIND?

I don't mind. Either. I've played all formations all of my career, so I don't mind. I just want to be playing.

@LIAM PRIESTLEY, YORKSHIRE
LEON, WHO IS THE BEST DEFENDER YOU'VE PLAYED AGAINST?

Probably Thiago Silva when I came on for Ireland against Brazil. You could just tell he was very comfortable and confident on



IN ACTION FOR COVENTRY AGAINST ROVERS

the ball and he didn't give you a minute's rest.

@SIMON LUCAS, HALIFAX

WHAT WAS IT THAT FIRST ATTRACTED YOU TO THE CLUB LEON?

I'd worked with Steve Kean before and he did some great striker drills with me at Coventry. And I'd played against Blackburn quite a lot in cups for Coventry and in the Premier League for Newcastle, and I see it as a massive club.

I'd been here (Brockhall) when I was younger, with Southampton, and obviously the training ground is a lovely place. And I believe it's a club that does deserve to be in the Premier League.

@MATT SMITH, NEWCASTLE

HI LEON, HAVE YOU EVER BEEN MISTAKEN FOR DRAKE WHEN OUT IN PUBLIC?

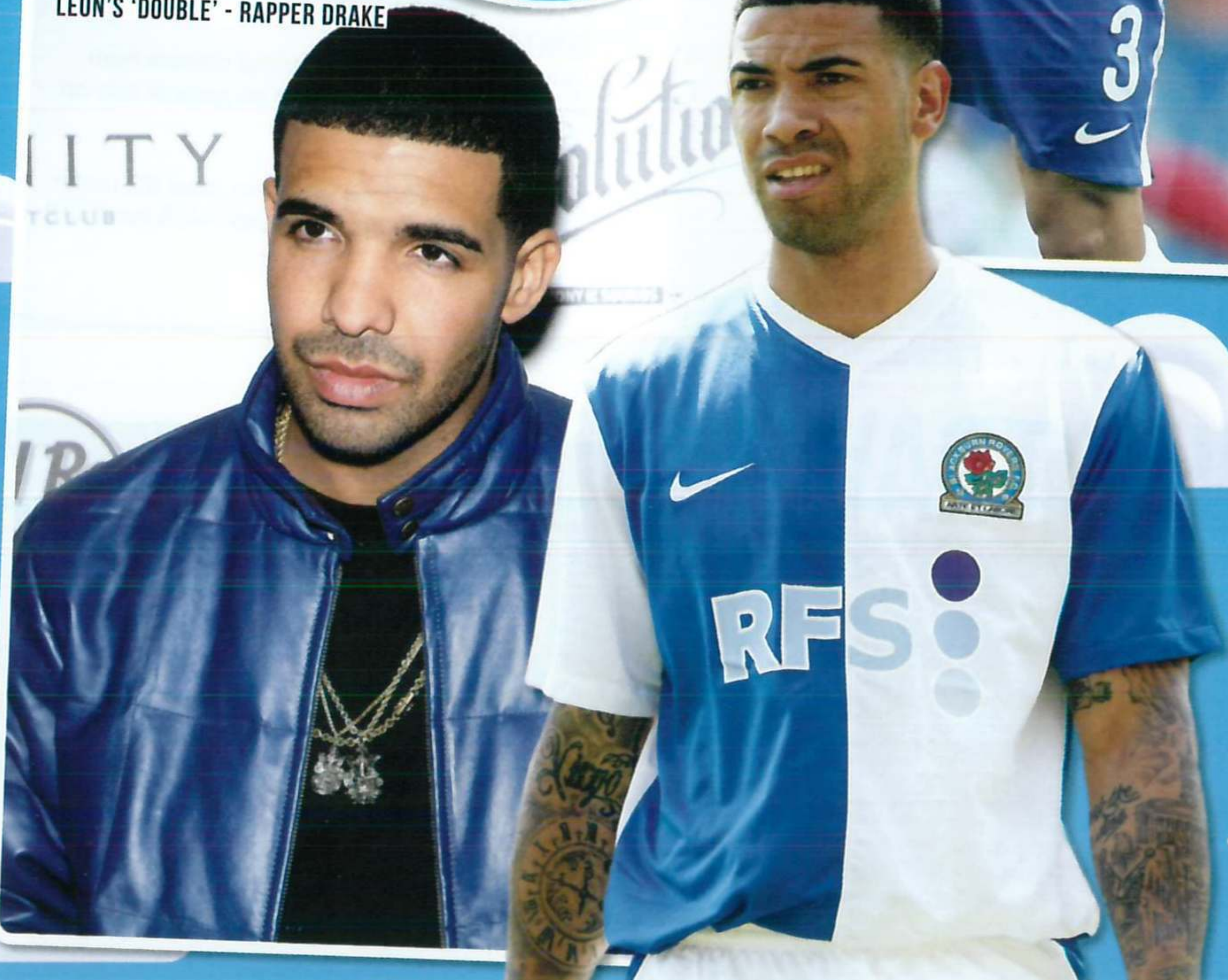
Yes, too many times!



LEON'S TOUGHEST OPPONENT - BRAZIL'S THIAGO SILVA



LEON'S 'DOUBLE' - RAPPER DRAKE



BOX OFF

BURNLEY

SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER, 12.15PM

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SKY BET CHAMPIONSHIP

SATURDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 3PM

EWOOD PARK

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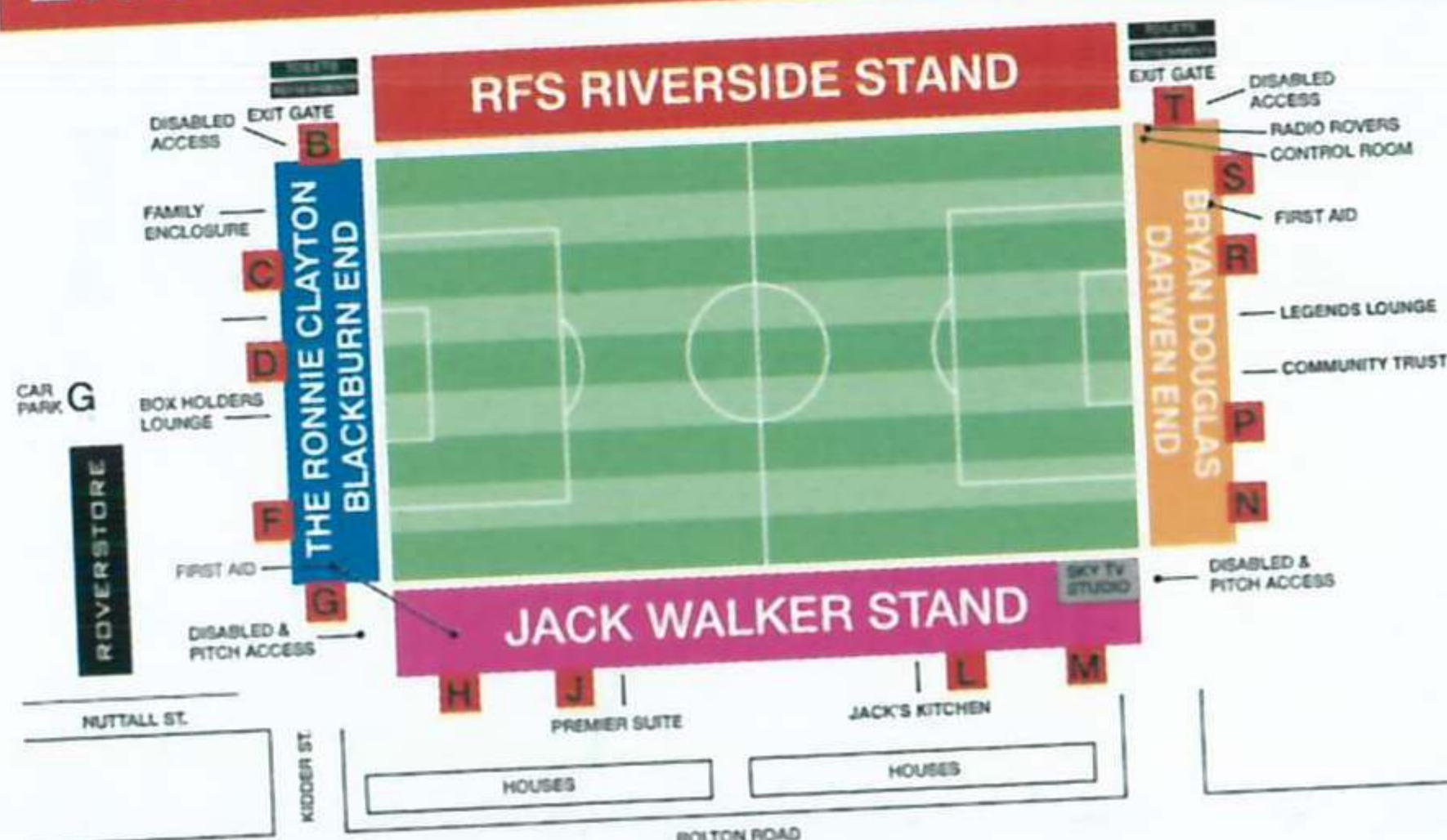
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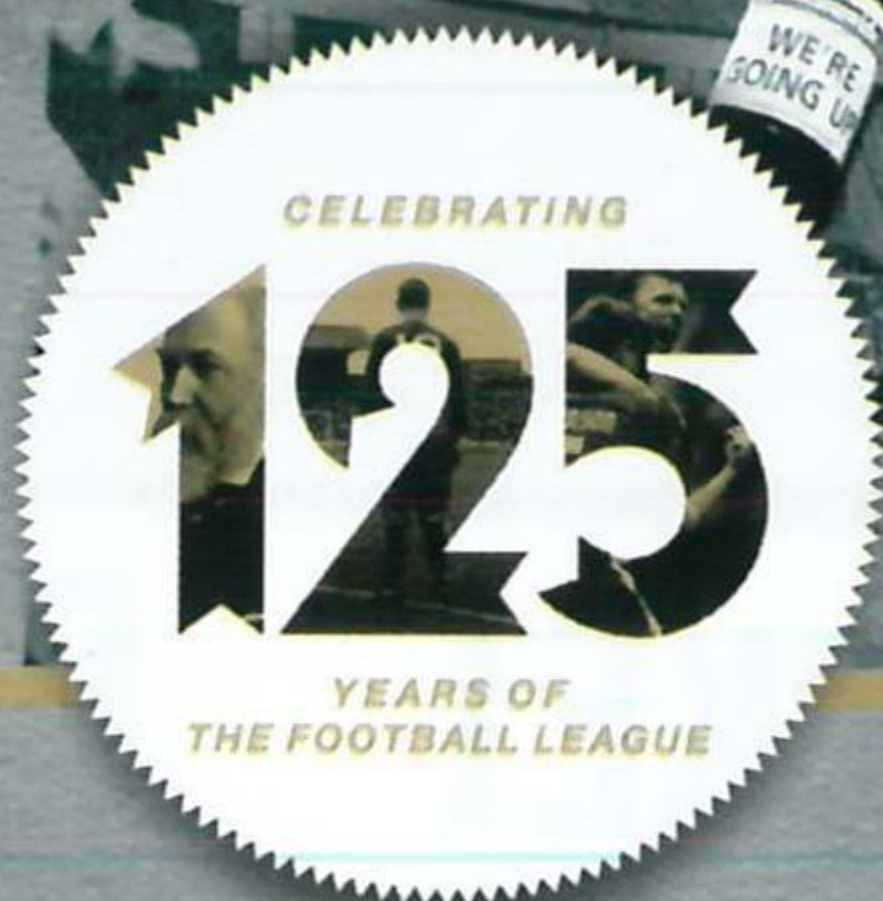
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GREAT MATCHES & PLAYERS

ROVERS 9-1 NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Football League Division Two, Ewood Park, April 10th, 1937, Att: 11,614

Forest arrived for their first match at Ewood Park for 12 years in desperate need of points in their bid to stave off relegation, but they were undone by a Rovers masterclass.

Rovers raced out of the blocks and were unfortunate not to score inside the first minute when Tommy Sale hit the bar.

However, moments later Rovers were ahead when Jack Brunton's centre found its way to Len Butt, who fired in via the inside of the post.

Not 10 minutes were on the clock and Rovers had doubled their lead when another cross from Brunton was this time turned in by Billy Guest.

The lively Guest took less than a minute to grab his second and Rovers' third. Yet again a Brunton cross caught the Forest defence flat-footed and Guest headed home.

The visitors pulled a goal back on 15 minutes in bizarre circumstances when Bob Pryde headed past his own stranded goalkeeper, who had advanced from his line to claim a free-kick.

Five minutes later and the three-goal

ROVERS GOALS

Butt 2
Guest 4
Calladine
Sale 2

ROVERS TEAM

Hughes
Lanceley
Crook
Whiteside
Pryde
Wightman
Brunton
Butt
Sale
Calladine
Guest

cushion was restored - Guest playing a neat one-two with Charlie Calladine before rifling home his hat-trick.

With Forest temporarily down to 10 men, Rovers further increased their advantage when Calladine tapped home a ball in from the superb Brunton.

Just as Forest will have been praying for the respite of the interval already trailing by four goals, they were hit by a two more goals on the stroke of half-time.

Butt bagged the first of these, following in from a well-saved Sale shot, before Guest grabbed his fourth supplied by the ever-dangerous Brunton.

The second-half came as somewhat of a disappointment to the expectant Rovers fans following the seven-goal exploits of the first period.

Brunton's scintillating wing play continued to light up the contest and yet another of his crosses caused confusion and Sale was once more quickest to react.

Four minutes before the end of the game, Sale scored from a free-kick before the final whistle put the visitors out of their misery.

CELEBRATING

125

YEARS OF
THE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**JACK
BRUNTON****BORN**
Westhoughton,
Lancashire**POSITION**
Outside-right**ROVERS DEBUT**
07.12.1929
vs Leeds**APPS (GOALS)**
344 (115)

Rovers paid a record £6,500 to take Jack Brunton to Ewood Park from arch-rivals Burnley in December 1929.

He would go on to give the club the best part of 20 years of loyal service as a player, administrator and manager.

Brunton had made a name for himself as a flying winger with the Clarets, scoring 42 goals in 167 league appearances, and forced himself into the national set-up, winning three caps for England.

He became a key player for Rovers following his move and missed just one game in his first four seasons.

Brunton netted 19 league goals in his first season alone and repeated the impressive feat the next season. He made a total of 344 appearances in a Rovers shirt, scoring 115 goals.

He combined football with cricket during his playing career, turning out for Westhoughton and Heaton in the Bolton League.

Brunton proved quite a hit in his second sport, topping the batting averages in three seasons between 1929 and 1931.

During the war he served as a quartermaster sergeant major with the Army Physical Training Corps before joining the administrative staff at Ewood Park.

He was handed the manager's job at Ewood in December 1947.

Brunton was unable to save Rovers from relegation in his first season and a 14th-place finish in the Second Division the following campaign was not deemed good enough and he was relieved of his duties in May 1949.

A FOOT IN BOTH CAMPS



Blackburn-born Mark Patterson says playing for his hometown team was a 'dream come true'.

"Right from the mid-70s, when we got promoted, I was a fan," said Patterson. "The Jim Smith/Gordon Lee era, that sort of time.

"I remember going down for every home game with my dad. From then on, I've supported them right through until going there as a 12-year-old schoolboy and then signing as an apprentice at 16.



"For me personally, to sign for your hometown club and the club that you've supported, it was amazing and a dream come true."

Things would get even better for Patterson, who broke into the first team squad during the 1981-82 season, although his career in blue-and-white didn't get off to the best of starts.

"The season Howard Kendall left, I got my apprenticeship under him and then Bobby Saxton took over," he added. "I was there for two years as an apprentice and then made my debut as a sub away at Man City.

"We got beat 6-0 and I remember Bobby Saxton saying to me 'Patty, get warmed up, you're going on and the next player that gives the ball away is coming off.' That's exactly what happened.

Patterson went on

to make 31 appearances in his first season at the club, as Rovers finished sixth.

"I know we were very close to going up, but we possibly needed a signing to bolster the team," he added. "It didn't happen, for financial reasons.

"We had a really good season and I think I played in about 27 league games and scored a few goals in return, so my first season was a really memorable one."

Injury hampered Patterson's involvement the following campaign, as Rovers bettered their final position by one place. Rovers had held a four-point lead at the top of the table at Christmas, but won only seven out of 21 games after that point to end the season out of the promotion places.

"The experienced pros wanted to bring in a couple of names, but Bobby Saxton was loyal to his players and Bill Fox looked after the purse strings very wisely.

"Ultimately, we didn't get the player that we wanted and we didn't go up, but in those days it was always a case of can we afford to go up? I don't think anyone could say with any real certainty that if we went up we would be able to afford to stay up.

"I remember the final game of that season, we were at home to Wolves and Bobby Saxton was giving us an important team talk at quarter to three and Tommy Docherty burst into our changing room and said 'listen lads, you've nothing to worry about today. I'm playing one or two on the bench, because I've just been fired!'

"I also remember in that season, I didn't play as much as my first. I scored about six goals in 10 games and then I got a bad knee injury, which put me out for about four or five months. I came back and scored a few more goals and got my only hat-trick that season against Sheffield United."

Patterson was a regular fixture in the side the following season, scoring 10 goals in 24 league games. Despite an impressive

Mark Patterson

start, only a last day win over Grimsby Town prevented Rovers from being relegated to the third tier of English football.

Success – and silverware – were just around the corner however, as Rovers lifted the Full Members' Cup in March 1987 thanks to a 1-0 win over Charlton. Patterson, who scored in the semi-final victory over Ipswich, came on for Scott Sellars in the Wembley showpiece.

"The Full Members' Cup season was an amazing season for us. The manager then was Don Mackay, who I didn't see eye-to-eye with, so I didn't play many games under him and he ended up getting rid of me.

"But, the Full Members' Cup run is always something that will stand out in my mind. The celebrations when we got home and meeting up with all my friends, who came to watch the game, for a drink in my local at the time, which was The Anchor, was also a real highlight!"

His next season was to be his last in a Rovers shirt and he joined Preston North End in 1988. After two years at Deepdale, Patterson was on the move again for a spell with Bury, before joining Bolton in 1991.

"At the time when we were at Bury, we had a chairman called Hugh Eaves, who was putting a lot of money into the club, Sam Ellis was manager and we had a good team.

"But the money dried up, Sam Ellis went to Man City with Peter Reid and Mike Walsh, an ex-Bolton player, pulled me to one side and said 'we can't afford your wages any more, Bolton have made an offer for you, are you interested?'

"At the time, I think Bury were a better team than Bolton, but under the circumstances, for a bit of security, I decided to go to Bolton, when Phil Neal was the gaffer, so that's how it came about."

ABOVE: MARK IN ACTION FOR BOLTON.

BELOW: TURNING OUT FOR BLACKBURN MASTERS.

Patterson spent four years at Burnden Park, making over 150 appearances, winning promotion to Division One in 1993, reaching the League Cup final in 1995 and some memorable moments at Anfield.

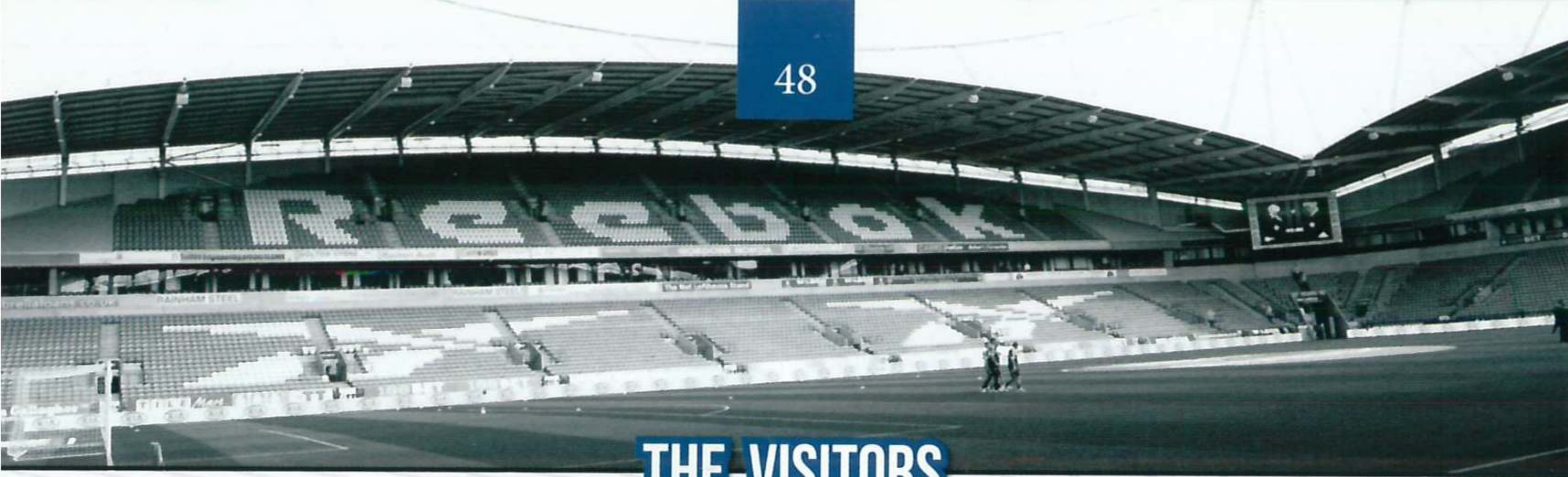
"That's where my memories are, as far as football and success go," he added. "Between 1991 and 1995 what Bolton Wanderers achieved was unprecedented. The FA Cup runs, beating the likes of Everton, Liverpool, Arsenal, Aston Villa. Getting to the League Cup final against Liverpool at Wembley.

"Probably the standout memory would be leading the team out at Anfield in the FA Cup, when we beat them in the replay. I was captain quite often at Bolton, so walking down those steps was a very proud moment for me and the result made it even better.

"Following that, I think playing in the Premier League, because I only played about 14 or 15 games and I managed to get there with Bolton and again, we went back to Liverpool and I scored."

After hanging up his boots, Patterson has held various coaching roles around the country, his most recent as first team coach at Accrington Stanley under John Coleman two years ago, and he hasn't ruled out a return to the game, if the right opportunity comes along.





THE VISITORS

BOLTON

Bolton manager Dougie Freedman fears his squad is being stretched by a series of injuries early in the season.

Defenders Marc Tierney and David Wheater and striker Craig Davies were all absent for Tuesday night's Capital One Cup upset at Tranmere.

"One or two injuries and suddenly we are a very light squad," said Freedman. "You would hope for injuries to possibly come at the end of the season, but they've come at the very beginning."

Bolton are already without the injured Mark Davies, Stuart Holden and Joe Riley through long-term knee problems.

The cup defeat at the hands of League Two outfit Tranmere continues a disappointing start to the season for Wanderers.

EARLY SEASON FAVOURITES FOR PROMOTION, BOLTON ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR THEIR FIRST LEAGUE WIN AND SIT JUST ONE PLACE ABOVE THE RELEGATION ZONE.

Goals have been hard to come by and strikers David Ngog, Jermaine Beckford and Craig Davies are yet to find the net in the league.

Bolton kicked off the 2013-14 campaign with a creditable point at Burnley, before beating Shrewsbury in the cup.



**BOLTON
WANDERERS**

FOUNDED
1877

NICKNAME
The Trotters

STADIUM
Reebok Stadium

CAPACITY
28,723

MANAGER
Dougie Freedman

**RECORD
GOALSCORER**
Nat Lofthouse
- 285



Their first home game of the season brought about another 1-1 draw with Reading, but their form has since dipped and Bolton have lost back-to-back Championship matches against Nottingham Forest (3-0) and QPR (1-0) - the latter a game in which they unveiled a new statue of the late Wanderers great Nat Lofthouse.

DOUGIE FREEDMAN

Dougie Freedman was announced as the Bolton manager in October last year, following the dismissal of Owen Coyle.

Freedman had been in charge of Crystal Palace for 21 months, taking over from George Burley in January 2011, under whom he had previously been assistant.

In his first managerial role, the Glaswegian initially helped steer the Eagles away from the relegation zone and then in his first full season enjoyed a memorable run to the League Cup semi-finals, toppling Manchester United along the way.

The Selhurst Park club made a promising start to the 2012-13 season, with Freedman collecting the Manager of the Month accolade for September before he was snapped up by Bolton.

Twice-capped by Scotland as a player, Freedman spent 10 years at Palace either side of spells with Wolves and Nottingham Forest.

BOLTON MIDFIELDER DARREN PRATLEY



ALEX BAPTISTE

SUMMER SIGNINGS

FREE HAYDEN WHITE SHEFFIELD WED

FREE ALEX BAPTISTE BLACKPOOL

UNDISC ROBERT HALL WEST HAM

UNDISC CONOR WILKINSON MILLWALL

FREE GARY FRASER HAMILTON

UNDISC JERMAINE BECKFORD LEICESTER

FREE ANDRE MORITZ CRYSTAL PALACE

UNDISC JAY SPEARING LIVERPOOL

STAR MAN

CHRIS EAGLES

Chris Eagles joined Bolton from rivals Burnley in July 2011 and the 27-year-old topped the club's assist charts during his first season at the Reebok Stadium.

Eagles was a virtual ever-present in 2011-12, making 41 appearances in all competitions and weighing in with six goals.

As a youngster, Eagles came through the ranks at Watford before joining Manchester United at the age of 14. He progressed through to Sir Alex Ferguson's first team squad, with loan spells at Sheffield Wednesday, Watford and NEC Nijmegen.

Eagles made his United debut in October 2003 against Leeds United, before scoring his first goal for the Reds in a 4-2 victory at Everton in 2007.

However, his opportunities at Old Trafford were limited and Eagles joined Burnley in July 2008.

HE WAS A KEY MEMBER OF THE CLARETS' SIDE THAT WON PROMOTION TO THE PREMIER LEAGUE THE FOLLOWING SEASON.

Eagles played his part in the Clarets' top-flight campaign in 2009-10, making 34 appearances and scoring twice.

The midfielder scored an impressive 12 goals last season as Bolton made a late charge for the play-offs, but picked up an ankle injury last month in the opening day draw with Burnley.



BORN

London,
England

D.O.B

19.11.1985

POSITION

Midfielder

PREVIOUS CLUBS

Manchester Utd,
Burnley

JOINED

July 2011

TOTAL APPS (GOALS)

89 (18)



RECENT RESULTS

10.08.13 READING D1-1

17.08.13 NOTTINGHAM FOREST L0-3

24.08.13 QPR L0-1

27.08.13 TRAMERE D1-1 (L4-2 PENS)



THE VISITORS

KEY THREE



JAY SPEARING

Bolton swooped for Liverpool man Jay Spearing earlier this month following a successful loan spell last season.

The midfielder had spent his whole career at his hometown club Liverpool, aside from a brief loan spell at Championship club Leicester City in 2009. Spearing made 30 Premier League appearances for the Reds and featured on 37 occasions for the Trotters last term.

The 24-year-old won Bolton's 'Player of the Year award' last season.

CHUNG-YONG LEE

Chung-Yong Lee moved to the Reebok from FC Seoul in August 2009 for an undisclosed fee.

His Wanderers career started brightly and he was named Player of the Year in his first season, but a broken leg during pre-season kept him out for the whole of the 2011-12 season.

Capped on 46 occasions by South Korea, Lee made 44 appearances for Bolton last term, scoring five goals.



DAVID NGOG

Bolton signed David Ngog from Liverpool on transfer deadline day in August 2011 and the 23-year-old established himself as a first team regular in his first season, making 39 appearances.

Prior to joining the Whites, Ngog had three years' worth of experience in the Premier League at Anfield, having first moved to England from Paris St Germain in 2008. During his time with the Reds, the pacey frontman netted 19 goals. The Frenchman scored just eight goals last season and will be hoping to better that total this campaign.



HE'S A BORN FOOTBALL FAN.

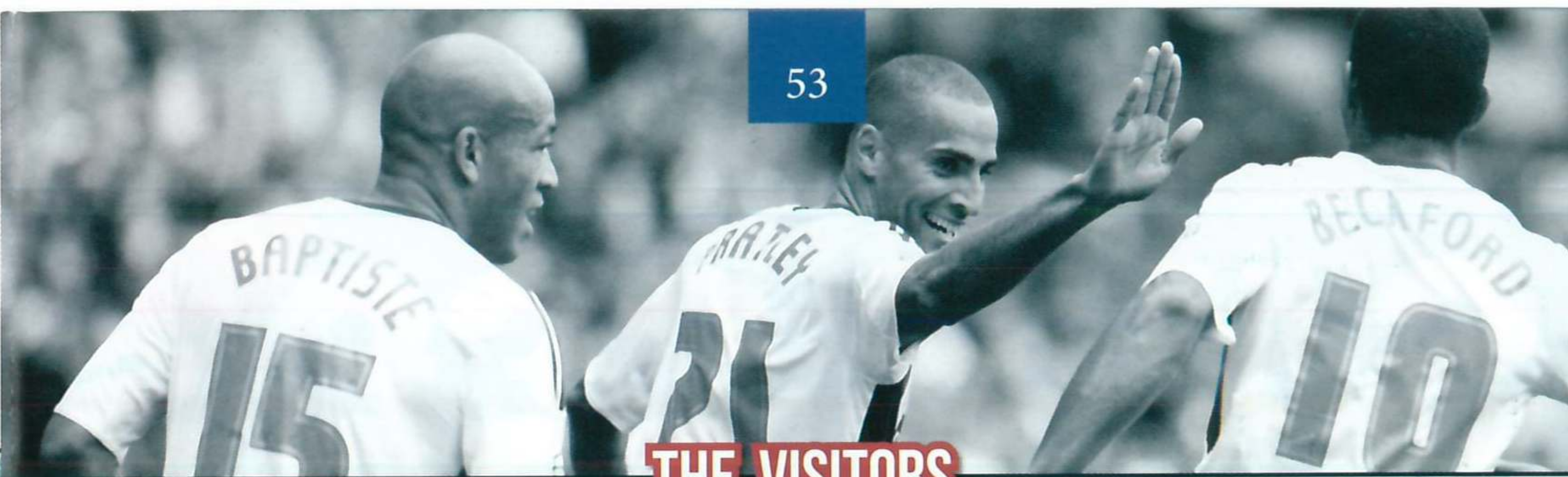
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THE VISITORS

SQUAD

01	ADAM BOGDAN	Hungarian international goalkeeper, 25, Bolton Player of the Year in 2012. 82 appearances.
02	TYRONE MEARS	Former Preston, Derby and Burnley right-back, 30, signed in July 2011 from the Clarets.
04	MATT MILLS	Defender, 27, signed from Leicester last summer. Ex-Southampton, Doncaster and Reading.
05	TIM REAM	USA international defender, 25, joined from New York Red Bulls in January 2012.
06	JAY SPEARING	Midfielder, 24, signed from Liverpool after loan spell. Bolton's Player of the Year in 2012-13.
07	CHRIS EAGLES	Manchester United graduate, 27, signed from Burnley in July 2011. 89 apps, 18 goals.
09	DAVID NGOG	Striker, 24, began at PSG. Three years with Liverpool, joined Bolton in 2011 for £4m.
10	JERMAINE BECKFORD	Former non-league striker, 29, signed in the summer from Leicester. Ex-Leeds and Everton.
11	ROBERT HALL	Striker, 19, released from West Ham this summer. On loan at Bolton last season.
12	ZAT KNIGHT	Giant defender, 33, capped by England. Over 150 apps for Fulham. Joined Bolton from Villa in 2009.
14	ANDRE MORITZ	Brazilian midfielder, 27, promoted with Crystal Palace last term. Spent five years in Turkey.
15	ALEX BAPTISTE	Defender, 27, started at Mansfield. Joined Blackpool in 2008 (190 apps). Signed for Bolton in May.
16	MARK DAVIES	Midfielder, 25, signed from Wolves in 2009. Ruled out for up to 10 months in February.
20	JOE RILEY	Academy full-back, 21, made his debut in the top flight in 2011. Two cup appearances last term.
21	DARREN PRATLEY	Ex-Fulham midfielder, 28, made his name at Swansea (2006-11). Bolton's top scorer this term.
22	STUART HOLDEN	USA international midfielder, 28, signed from Houston Dynamo in January 2010. Injured.
23	MARC TIERNEY	Left-back, 28, signed from Norwich in the summer. Started all of Bolton's league games this term.
24	ANDY LONERGAN	Goalkeeper, 29, at Preston for 11 years before joining Leeds in 2011. Signed for Bolton in 2012.
25	JOSH VELA	Academy midfielder, 19, only 11 appearances for Bolton since debut in April 2012.
27	CHUNG-YONG LEE	South Korean midfielder, 25, signed from FC Seoul in 2009. Player of the Year in his first year.
28	CRAIG DAVIES	Welsh international striker, 27, joined from Barnsley. Has featured in every league game this term.
31	DAVID WHEATER	Defender, 26, signed from Middlesbrough in 2011 after seven years. Injured on Tuesday night.
32	TOM EAVES	Striker, 21, signed from Oldham. Loan spells with Bristol Rovers and Shrewsbury last season.
34	JAY LYNCH	Academy goalkeeper, 20, yet to make a first team appearance for the Trotters.
38	SANMI ODELUSI	Academy attacker, 20, formerly on the books at QPR and Reading's youth set-ups.
44	MOHAMED MEDO	Sierra Leone striker, 25, signed from Partizan Belgrade last January. A regular starter.



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J Jackson (Blackburn)

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A Smith (Preston)

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10.08.13 - 896

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17.08.13 - 287

M Curry (Accrington)

24.08.13 - 1160

A Meleady (Darwen)

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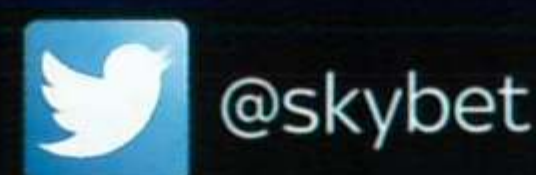
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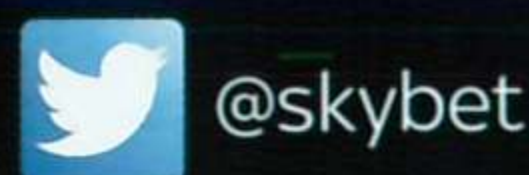
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CHRIS TAYLOR SELECTS THE STAND-OUT GAMES FROM HIS CAREER TO DATE...

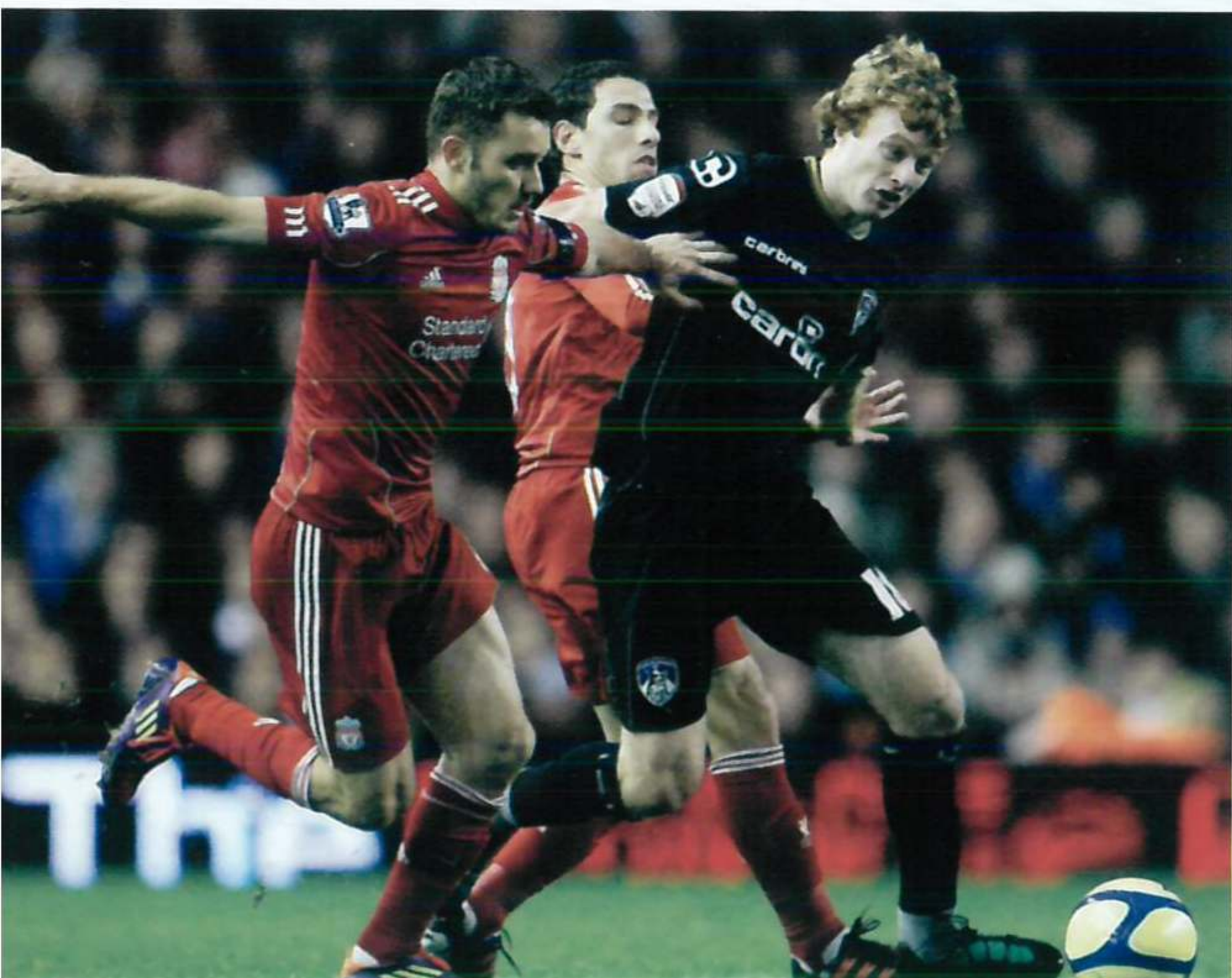
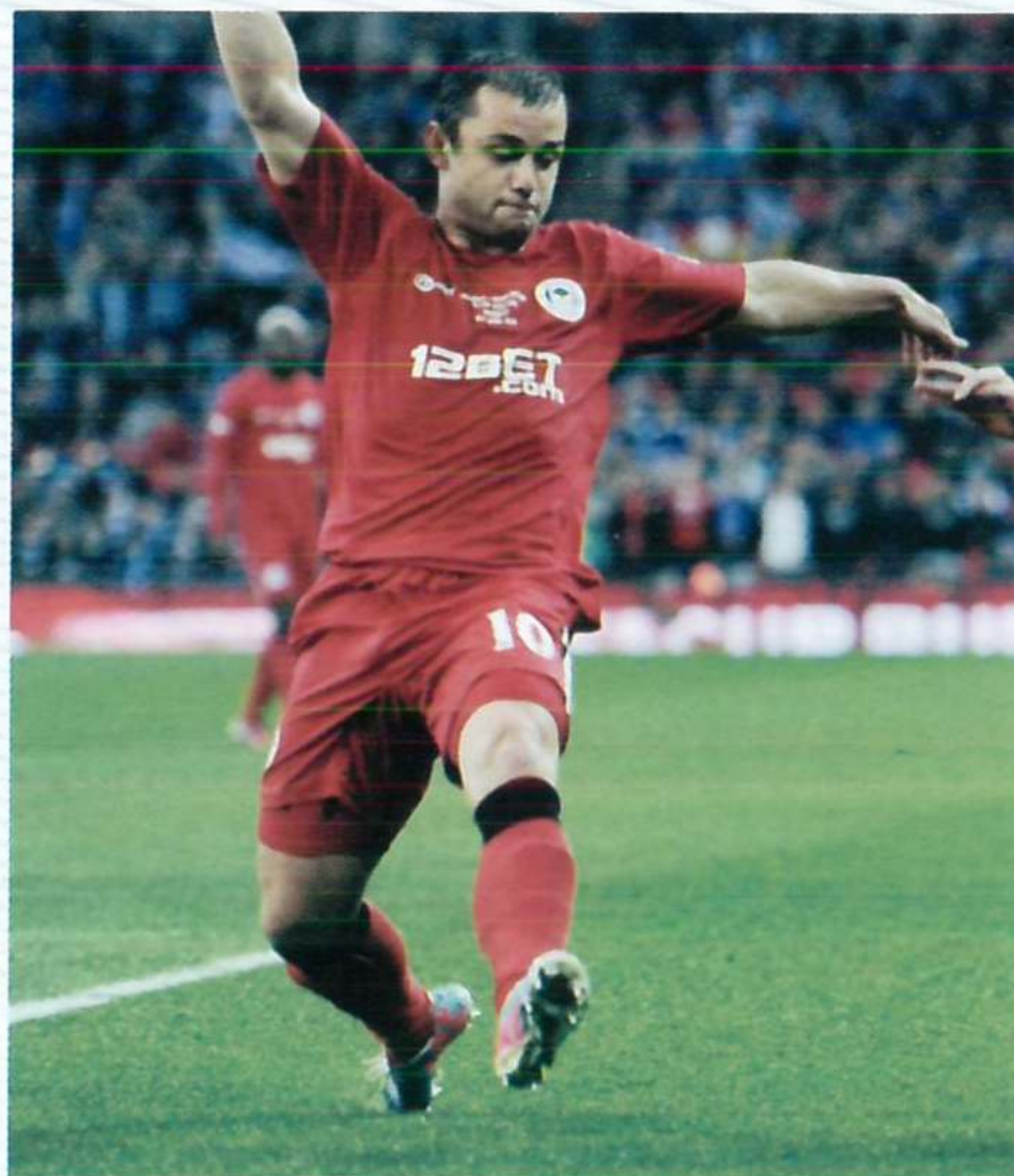
LIVERPOOL 5-1 OLDHAM, 06.01.12

First one, probably when I was at Oldham and we drew Liverpool in the third round of the FA Cup at Anfield.

Everyone says that Anfield has the best atmosphere and I had the privilege of playing there and experiencing it for myself. I wasn't sure whether there would be a full house, so I didn't really know what to expect, but when we turned up and walked out you couldn't see an empty seat and they were singing 'You'll Never Walk Alone' and it was unbelievable. To play the game against one of my biggest idols in Steven Gerrard and a couple of other top players was a dream. We got off to a good start and went 1-0 up, but a couple of dodgy goals in the first half put them 2-1 up and then they went on to win it comfortably, but that is a game I'll remember for a really long time.

Below: Chris turning out for Oldham at Anfield.

Right: During the FA Cup semi-final against Wigan last season.



OLDHAM 3-0 NOTT'M FOREST 15.02.06

The second one is probably my debut for Oldham.

I'd just come back from a bit of a loan spell at a non-league club called Barrow when I was 18 and was just playing for Oldham's reserves. I hoped I might get into the first team squad and then the shout came that one of the first team lads had dropped out and I would be making my debut on a Wednesday night against Nottingham Forest. The buzz and the excitement I had I don't think I'll ever experience that again. The game went unbelievably well. It went really quickly thinking about it, but we won the game 3-0. I played well, got Man of the Match and it was everything I could have asked for really and I think it made me who I am today. That first game I think is quite

best...



important and I'm glad it went well. And because it was for my hometown club, who I'd supported all my life, I think the fans gave me a bit of extra encouragement, so it was a special moment.

MILLWALL 0-2 WIGAN ATHLETIC, 13.04.13

The third game is one you'll know about well – the Wembley trip last year with Millwall. We had two very tough games in the quarters obviously against Blackburn. We were desperate to get there, as both teams were. Then the week leading up to Wembley, everyone was talking about the dream of playing in probably the best arena in the world. I have to say the build-up to the game was really slow – it seemed to take forever – and then once the game came, it absolutely flew by.

Walking out of Wembley tunnel in front of 65,000 was unbelievable and something I'll never ever forget. Obviously the result didn't go the way we wanted, but we were playing against a very good Wigan Athletic side who went on to beat an even better Man City team, so there was no disgrace in losing. We gave it our all and if it never happens again, it was one of the best experiences I'll ever have.

LEEDS UNITED 0-2 OLDHAM, 16.08.08

The fourth one is probably the start of my fourth season for Oldham. The first away game of the season was at Elland Road, in front of not far off a full house and won 2-0 and I managed to score both goals. First half they were on top and put us under real pressure. Second half, we came out and I managed to score a header and then bent one in from about 20 yards out. I was absolutely delighted, because to score a double at a great stadium like Elland Road, I was buzzing.

OLDHAM 5-0 NOTT'M FOREST, 01.01.07

Last one, I'll go with Nottingham Forest again, on New Year's Day. Both teams were riding quite high up in the league and obviously New Year's Day is quite a special fixture in the calendar. Forest were right up there in contention for promotion, but on the day and were unstoppable. We beat them 5-0 and were 3-0 up at half-time. I think I won a penalty. It was just one of those games where everything clicked. We moved the ball well, created so many chances and the atmosphere at Boundary Park was very lively. I was just buzzing that we absolutely battered them to shoot up the league.

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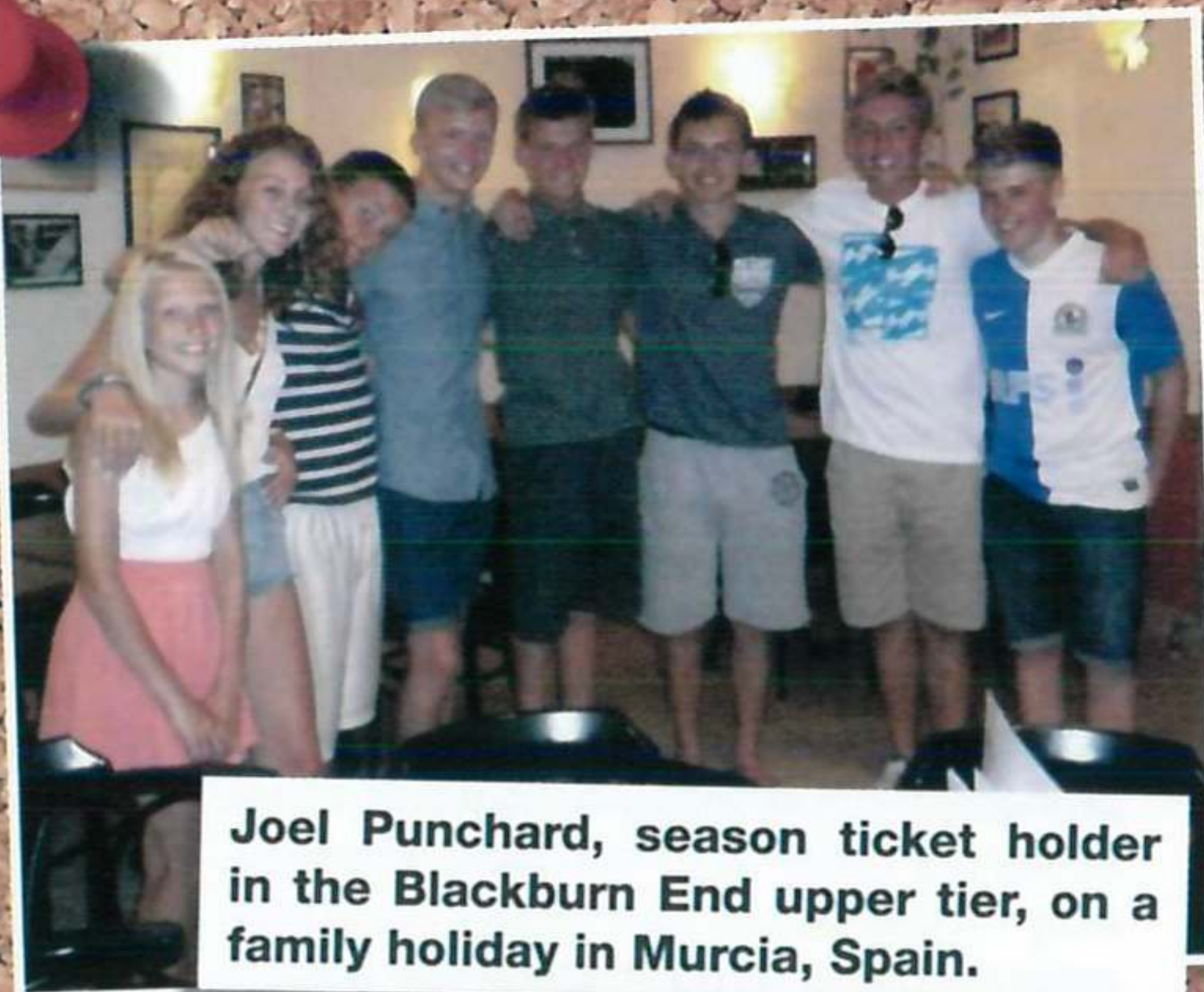


Congratulations to Rovers fan Natasha Billouin on her recent graduation from Loughborough University with a BSc (Honours) Sport Management Degree. Natasha hopes to follow in the footsteps of Karren Brady and eventually become the Chief Executive of a football club.



Rovers mad trio Luke, 11, and Max Gibson, 8, and their cousin Charlie Winkley, 8, on holiday in Lourdes in the south of France.

Here is season ticket holder Connor Riddlesden, 15, from Blackpool, wearing the new Rovers away shirt in Naples, Italy, whilst on a Mediterranean cruise.



Joel Punchard, season ticket holder in the Blackburn End upper tier, on a family holiday in Murcia, Spain.

BOARD



Rovers fans Karen, Lindsay and Matt Shepherd, from Rochdale, on holiday at Sea World, Orlando, Florida this July.



Blackburn End season ticket holder Samuel Dawson, of Helmshore, got a special present for his 11th birthday on August 21st.



Happy Birthday to Ruby Whiteside, who is four years old today. She is a season ticket holder in Jack Walker Stand and her favourite players are David Dunn and Jordan Rhodes.



Here is Damien Farrimond, season ticket holder in the Blackburn End, on holiday in Guardamar, Spain.

TEAM R



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PLAYERS IN OUR PHOTO...

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CREST QUEST

SCORE _/5

FINAL SCORE _/10

SCORE _/5

Answers: Flashback - Damien Duff, Keith
Gillespie, Nathen Blake, Ashley Ward &
Lee Carsley.
Crest Quest - Nottingham Forest,
Huddersfield, Ipswich, Leeds & Leicester.

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HOME MASCOT

NAME: Harry Buckley

AGE: 7 years old

FAV PLAYERS: Lowe, Dann & Rhodes



AWAY MASCOT

NAME: Daniel Cox

AGE: 9 years old

FAV PLAYERS: Holden & Lee

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Pudsey Takes

A NEW TONGUE-IN-CHEEK FEATURE WHERE ROVERS KITMAN PUDSEY

BEVAN TAKES

Our 'Roving Reporter' Pudsey Bevan has been up to his old tricks, putting the spotlight on a member of the Brockhall backroom team for his interview feature 'Pudsey takes the mic'!

Today he catches up with the newest member of the backroom staff, **PAUL FERNIE**, who has taken over from Manchester United-bound Paul Brand as our Head of Performance Analysis. Over to you Pudsey...

Pudsey: Tell us a bit about what you do here at the club?

Paul: The department of analysis is well established. I think it's been one of the stand out departments throughout football. I'm really privileged to be part of such a thriving department that has excelled over the years and built solid foundations.

Pudsey: I've done a bit of digging into your background, as I always do, and I found that you were working for Nottingham Forest and Doncaster, doing what you do now, but you were also a youth coach at Leeds?

Paul: I played up until the age of 16 at Hull City and then that dream ended, so I looked for a different way in, through coaching. I went to America for a couple of years and got a real taste for it. I then got a job as a coach at Leeds United's Academy. I met Sean O'Driscoll at Doncaster, just through doing some work experience within performance analysis, which was still relatively new back then. I was then offered a full-time job, my responsibilities increased and I have worked with Sean for the past six years. We were at Doncaster together, he then took me to Crawley for two weeks and then I joined him at Forest.

Pudsey: What made you decide to come here to Blackburn Rovers?

Paul: Although the decision was a tough one to leave Sean, because I had agreed to go to Bristol City with him, as soon as I met with Gary Bowyer and his staff and listened to their



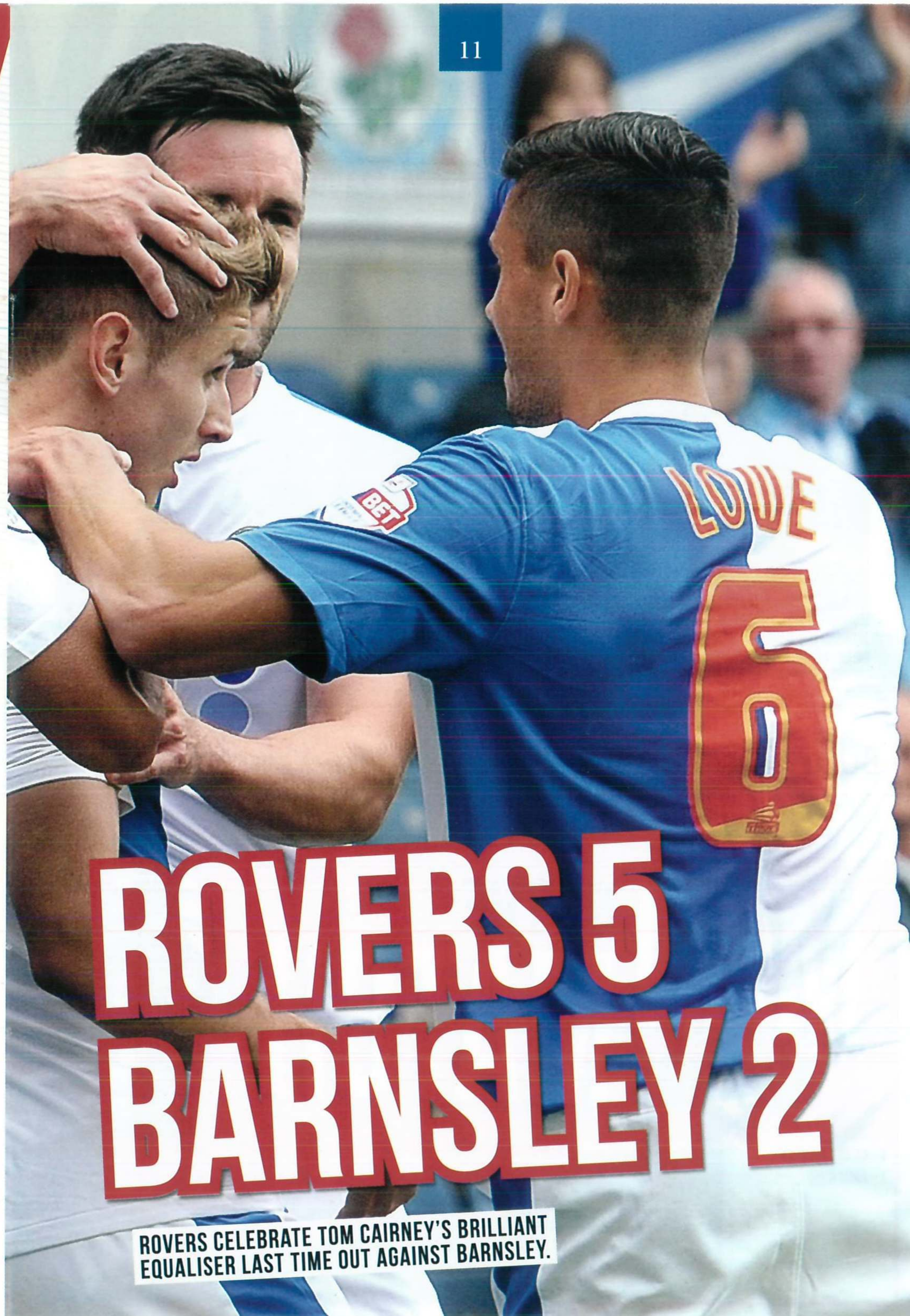
ABOVE: PUDSEY CHATS TO PAUL.

plans, I knew it was something I wanted to be a part of. The club has a really good feel about it at the moment, coupled with the foundations and structures the manager is putting in place, which in turn I hope will bring longevity and consistency to our performance levels.

Pudsey: Ultimately, where could you take what you do?

Paul: I think the industry is definitely going to get bigger. A lot more clubs are going to start having departments of analysts, but it all depends on what level of detail you go into. With the department we've got here, we can go into great detail, whereas maybe in the past, with the quick turnaround of games, you could only scratch the surface. We've got the manpower to identify something we think is important, to get every single possible outcome out of it and what can we decipher from it to give to the coaches. We don't want to give the coaches logs and logs of information, we want to do the groundwork and give them the actual outcome. Then, if there's any detail they want to question, we've got that too. We want to make life simpler for people.

Pudsey: Any good stories from your involvement in the game so far?



ROVERS 5 BARNESLEY 2

ROVERS CELEBRATE TOM CAIRNEY'S BRILLIANT
EQUALISER LAST TIME OUT AGAINST BARNESLEY.

GALLERY

THE MATCHDAY GALLERY

VS BARNESLEY 24.08.13



MORTEN GAMST PEDERSEN COLLECTS THE PETER JACKSON THE JEWELLER MAN OF THE MATCH AWARD ON BEHALF OF JOSH KING FROM VAL CLAYTON.



TIME OF THE GOAL WINNER, JON WILLIAMS, PICTURED WITH MORTEN GAMST PEDERSEN.

BULOVA

BLACKBURN ROVERS

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THE JEWELLER

MAN OF THE
MATCH
AWARDS



1 - GRANT HANLEY
1 - JOSH KING



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CHRIS FUTS THE BILL!

Blackburn Rovers Community Trust have signed up former PNE professional Chris McGrail as their new Head of Futsal (Sport) and School Sport.

The 24-year-old will oversee and develop the Trust's school sports programme and the new Futsal Scholarship, which starts next month.

The exciting and innovative two-year programme, which is both Futsal and Education based, provides a unique opportunity for 16 to 19-year-old football fans to study at Ewood Park and become a Blackburn Rovers Futsal Scholar.

Chris McGrail, the Trust's newest recruit

CHRIS SAID: "IT IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO DEVELOP YOUNG PLAYERS AND I'M REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO IT."

"One of the key motivations for the lads is the winners of the North West League get to play against either Barcelona or Real Madrid. So that is a massive incentive both for me as a coach and for the lads

as Futsal scholars.

"The setup here at the BRIC and over in the Education Centre is first class, so the lads will get unbelievable teaching and high quality coaching in Futsal."

Chris will be tapping into his own expertise in the game, having signed professional terms with hometown team Preston North End in 2007.

After loan spells with Accrington Stanley, he was forced to retire from the game through injury and joined Preston's Community Department, initially as a casual coach and volunteer, before rising up through the ranks.

It was during his time at Deepdale that he worked under the Community Trust's Head of Sport Gary Robinson and he is delighted to be reunited with him here at Rovers.

The Trust are recruiting Futsal scholars for the 2014-15 season from now until next summer, so anyone who would like any further information should contact Chris on 01254 296122 or email chris.mcgrail@brfctrust.co.uk.

BIRMINGHAM CITY

Birmingham City have parted company by mutual consent with striker Marlon King, who has had the remaining year of his contract paid up at St. Andrew's. The 33-year-old, Blues' top scorer for the past two seasons, will now be a free agent when the transfer window closes.

BOURNEMOUTH

Bournemouth have signed Malmo striker Tokelo Rantie for an undisclosed fee, thought to be a club record. The Cherries are awaiting international clearance and a work permit. The 22-year-old has won 12 caps for South Africa after making his debut last year.

CHAMP



RESULTS

SATURDAY 24TH AUGUST 2013

BOLTON 0-1 QPR

ROVERS 5-2 BARNLEY

BLACKPOOL 1-0 READING

BRIGHTON 2-0 BURNLEY

CHARLTON 1-3 DONCASTER*

HUDDERSFIELD 5-1 BOURNEMOUTH

IPSWICH 1-2 LEEDS

LEICESTER 3-2 BIRMINGHAM

SHEFF WED 2-2 MILLWALL

YEOVIL 0-3 DERBY

SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2013

WATFORD 1-1 NOTTM FOREST

WIGAN 2-2 MIDDLESBROUGH

FIXTURES

SATURDAY 31ST AUGUST 2013

LEEDS V QPR, 12:15

BARNLEY V HUDDERSFIELD, 15:00

BIRMINGHAM V IPSWICH, 15:00

ROVERS V BOLTON, 15:00

BLACKPOOL V WATFORD, 15:00

BRIGHTON V MILLWALL, 15:00

CHARLTON V LEICESTER, 15:00

DERBY V BURNLEY, 15:00

DONCASTER V BOURNEMOUTH, 15:00

MIDDLESBROUGH V SHEFF WED, 15:00

WIGAN V NOTTM FOREST, 15:00

YEOVIL V READING, 15:00

TOP SCORERS

5 TROY DEENEY WATFORD

5 JAMES VAUGHAN HUDDERSFIELD

4 LEWIS GRABBAN BOURNEMOUTH

3 CHRIS BROWN DONCASTER

3 CHRIS MARTIN DERBY

3 ROSS MCCORMACK LEEDS

3 JOSE ULLOA BRIGHTON

2 GABRIELE ANGELLA WATFORD

2 LEON BARNETT WIGAN

2 SIMON CHURCH CHARLTON

2 JORDAN RHODES ROVERS

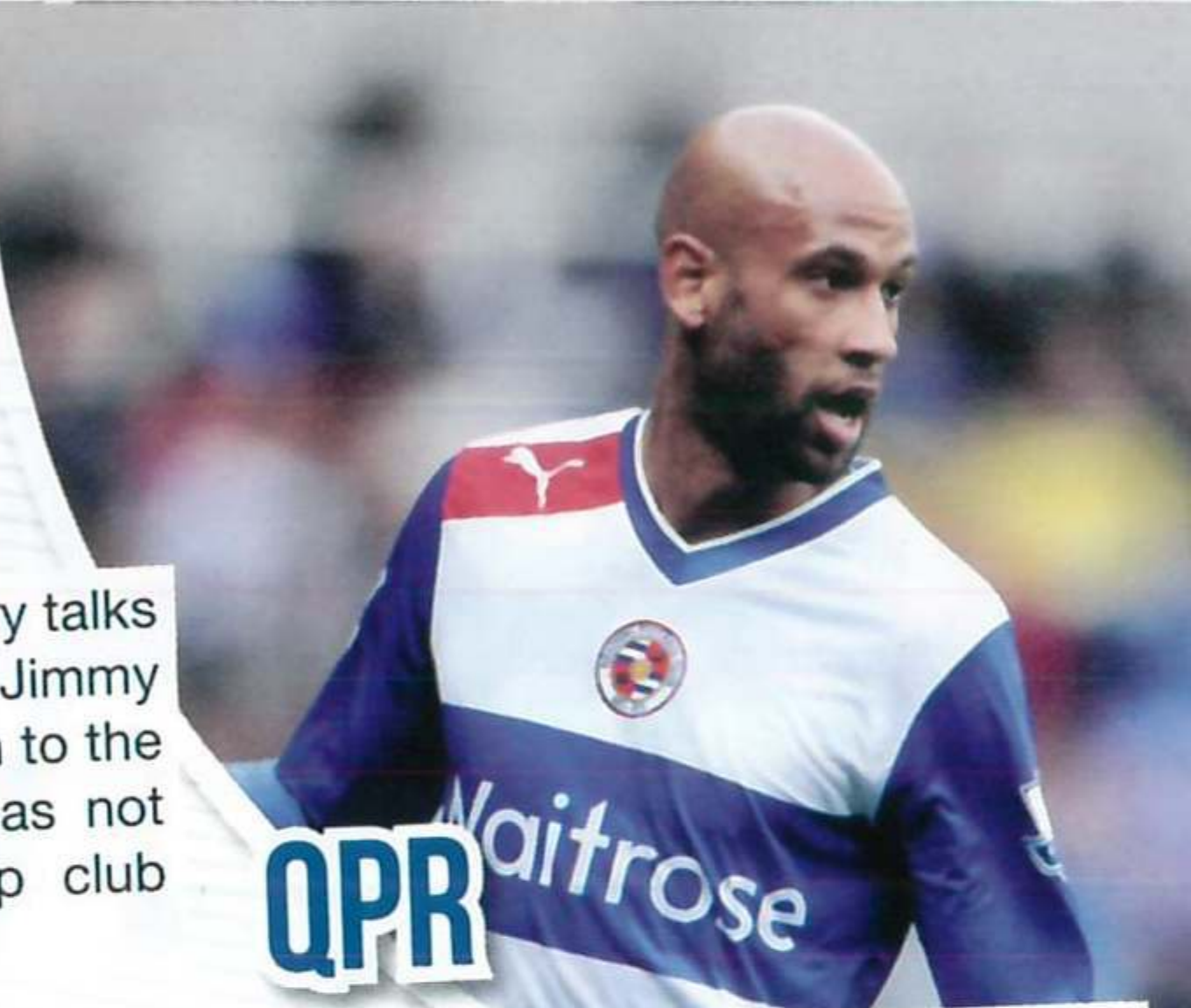
BRIGHTON

Will Buckley says **Brighton** are starting to get used to the philosophy of new head coach Oscar Garcia. The Seagulls have won their last two league games, keeping clean sheets in both, after losing their first three matches. "We are playing well and the gaffer's ideas are solidifying now with us."



READING

Crystal Palace are in preliminary talks with **Reading** over winger Jimmy Kebe - who is keen on a return to the Premier League. Kebe, 29, has not played for the Championship club this season.



QPR

QPR boss Harry Redknapp is still looking to strengthen his squad before the transfer window closes. Redknapp has made six new signings this summer following a string of exits from Loftus Road. "If you are going to win this league or get promoted you have to be that much better than the other teams. We need to improve and we all know that."

CHAMPIONSHIP

Pos	Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	Pts
1	Nottingham Forest	4	3	1	0	6	1	5	10
2	Blackpool	4	3	1	0	6	2	4	10
3	Leicester City	4	3	1	0	6	3	3	10
4	QPR	4	3	1	0	5	2	3	10
5	Watford	4	2	2	0	11	5	6	8
6	Leeds United	4	2	2	0	5	3	2	8
7	Huddersfield Town	4	2	1	1	7	3	4	7
8	Derby County	4	2	1	1	6	3	3	7
9	Burnley	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
10	Brighton	4	2	0	2	5	4	1	6
11	Bournemouth	4	2	0	2	5	12	-7	6
12	Wigan Athletic	4	1	2	1	8	5	3	5
13	Reading	4	1	2	1	6	6	0	5
14	Middlesbrough	4	1	2	1	5	5	0	5
15	ROVERS	4	1	1	2	6	6	0	4
16	Doncaster Rovers	3	1	1	1	5	5	0	4
17	Ipswich Town	4	1	0	3	5	5	0	3
18	Birmingham City	4	1	0	3	3	5	-2	3
19	Yeovil Town	4	1	0	3	1	6	-5	3
20	Sheffield Wednesday	4	0	2	2	5	7	-2	2
21	Bolton Wanderers	4	0	2	2	2	6	-4	2
22	Charlton Athletic	3	0	1	2	3	5	-2	1
23	Millwall	4	0	1	3	2	7	-5	1
24	Barnsley	4	0	1	3	4	12	-8	1

ROVERS AWAY KIT

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APPS & GOALS

SEASON 2013-14

	LEAGUE	LEAGUE CUP	FA CUP
	A / S / G	A / S / G	A / S / G
01 PAUL ROBINSON	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
02 TODD KANE	4 / - / 1	1 / - / -	- / - / -
03 TOMMY SPURR	4 / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
04 MATT KILGALLON	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
05 GRANT HANLEY	4 / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
06 JASON LOWE	4 / - / -	- / 1 / -	- / - / -
07 JOSH KING	2 / 2 / 1	1 / - / -	- / - / -
08 DAVID DUNN	2 / - / -	1 / - / -	- / - / -
09 LEON BEST	1 / 2 / 1	- / - / -	- / - / -
10 DJ CAMPBELL	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
11 JORDAN RHODES	4 / - / 2	- / 1 / -	- / - / -
12 BEN MARSHALL	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
13 SIMON EASTWOOD	- / - / -	1 / - / -	- / - / -
14 MARKUS OLSSON	- / - / -	1 / - / -	- / - / -
15 YANN SONGO'O	- / - / -	1 / - / -	- / - / -
16 SCOTT DANN	4 / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
17 LEE WILLIAMSON	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
18 JOHN O'SULLIVAN	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
19 CHRIS TAYLOR	2 / 2 / -	1 / - / 1	- / - / -
20 DICKSON ETUHU	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
21 ALEX MARROW	2 / - / -	1 / - / -	- / - / -
22 BRADLEY ORR	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
23 RUBEN ROCHINA	1 / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
24 JOSH MORRIS	- / 1 / -	1 / - / -	- / - / -
25 ALAN JUDGE	4 / - / -	- / 1 / 1	- / - / -
26 RAHEEM HANLEY	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
27 ADAM HENLEY	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
28 ANTHONY O'CONNOR	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
29 CORRY EVANS	- / 1 / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
30 FABIO NUNES	- / 1 / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
31 GAEL GIVET	- / - / -	1 / - / -	- / - / -
32 DIOGO ROSADO	- / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
34 JAKE KEAN	4 / - / -	- / - / -	- / - / -
45 TOM CAIRNEY	2 / 1 / 1	1 / - / 1	- / - / -

*APPEARANCES / SUBS / GOALS



DATE	OPPOSITION	COMP	SCORE	ATT	POS							
AUGUST												
Sun 4	Derby County (A) SKY	CH	D 1-1	21,188	11	Kean	Kane	Dann	Hanley	Spurr	King 64	Lowe
Wed 7	Carlisle United (A)	CAP1	D 3-3*	4,372	-	Eastwood	Kane	Songo'o	Givet	Morris	Taylor	Marrow 46
Sat 10	Nottingham Forest (H)	CH	L 0-1	14,469	17	Kean	Kane	Dann	Hanley	Spurr	Taylor 68	Lowe
Fri 16	Doncaster Rovers (A)	CH	L 0-2	8,707	19	Kean	Kane	Dann	Hanley	Spurr	Taylor 66	Lowe
Sat 24	Barnsley (H)	CH	W 5-2	13,058	15	Kean	Kane	Dann	Hanley	Spurr	Judge	Lowe 74
Sat 31	Bolton Wanderers (H)	CH	15:00									
SEPTEMBER												
Sat 14	Burnley (A) SKY	CH	12:15									
Tues 17	Leicester City (A)	CH	19:45									
Sat 21	Huddersfield Town (H)	CH	15:00									
Sat 28	AFC Bournemouth (A)	CH	15:00									
OCTOBER												
Tues 1	Watford (H)	CH	19:45									
Sun 6	Wigan Athletic (A)	CH	15:00									
Sat 19	Charlton Athletic (H)	CH	15:00									
Sat 26	Blackpool (A)	CH	15:00									
NOVEMBER												
Sat 2	Middlesbrough (H)	CH	15:00									
Sat 9	Brighton & Hove Albion (A)	CH	15:00									
Sat 23	Reading (H)	CH	15:00									
Sat 30	Leeds United (H)	CH	15:00									
DECEMBER												
Tues 3	Ipswich Town (A)	CH	19:45									
Sat 7	Queens Park Rangers (A)	CH	15:00									
Sat 14	Millwall (H)	CH	15:00									
Sat 21	Yeovil Town (A)	CH	15:00									
Thurs 26	Sheffield Wednesday (H)	CH	15:00									
Sun 29	Birmingham City (H)	CH	15:00									
JANUARY												
Wed 1	Leeds United (A)	CH	15:00									
Sat 11	Doncaster Rovers (H)	CH	15:00									
Sat 18	Nottingham Forest (A)	CH	15:00									
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THE LAST WORD

I was really pleased to get my first goal for the club against Barnsley last time out.

I'd gone quite a long time – about 20 or so games – so I'm over the moon.

And whilst I was pleased for myself, I was even more pleased that we got that much-needed victory.

In the first half we got the ball down, pressed right from the front because that was the plan and I think we went about it the right way.

OVERALL, THE FIRST HALF WAS OUR BEST PERFORMANCE OF THE SEASON SO FAR.

And to get a few goals was great because that's an area where we've been lacking.

We played well against Derby on the opening day, but the difference was that we took our chances against Barnsley.

We'd been working on finishing and taking our chances all week. And

**TODD
KANE**



although it was disappointing to concede twice, we can't complain after scoring five.

We had most of the possession at the beginning of the game and could have gone one or two nil up ourselves and then they go and get a goal from nowhere really so it was difficult to take.

However, we bounced straight back with a great free-kick from Tom (Cairney). Everyone knew their job and we really worked as a team.

The main priority was always to get the win – if it was 1-0 or 10-0 it didn't matter as long as we got the three points.

There is still room for improvement, but we need to make this a stepping stone and take it into today's game.

On a personal note, I've set myself a target of five goals this season so hopefully I don't have to wait as long for the next one!



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